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Telegrams

THE PLAGUE.

GENERAL SITUATION

BETTER.

BACILLUS BECOMING

ATTENUATED.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Tientsin, Feb. 10, 11.35 p.m.

The general situation in the plague-stricken area is very much better, especially in Chihli, where no further cases have been reported.

The doctors at Harbin state that the plague bacillus is being attenuated, and there are signs that it is losing power to spread contagion.

The death rates reported yesterday support this view, only 8 persons dying in the Russian town and 106 in the Chinese city.

Last week the figures were 40 and 165, all of whom died. One case of bubonic plague is reported.

The victim was a Russian.

HUGE HOLocaust.

Nearly 4,000 bodies were burnt last week at Harbin.

The doctors believe that the danger of a further spread of the disease has been greatly minimised by the precautions taken.

A BIG DEATH ROLL.

IN THE THREE EASTERN PROVINCES.

[THE "SHENGO PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

Over 7,000 people have succumbed to the plague in the Three Eastern Provinces.

CHINESE OFFICIAL ACTIVITY.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

ADVOCATED.

[THE "SHENGO PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

Viceroy Hsi Liang has asked permission to raise a loan of 300,000 taels from the Tai Ching and the Communications Banks to defray the cost of the preventive measures which are deemed necessary to be taken against the

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outbreak of plague in the Three Eastern Provinces.

Both the Yuenchun and the Tachipu have consented to the proposal.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC

STOPPED.

GREAT LOSS TO THE CHINESE.

[THE "SHENGO PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

The Feng Ting Railway having stopped running trains on their lines owing to the plague in Manchuria, very heavy losses have been incurred through the suspension of operations.

On the other hand the Eastern China and the Southern Manchuria Railways have not failed to carry on the traffic, and as a result the Yuenchun has approached the Waiwun asking the different Foreign Ministers in Peking to approve of the immediate resumption of traffic on the Feng Ting Railway.

IMPERIAL GIFT.

[THE "SHAT PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

Her Majesty the Empress Dowager has determined to add to her already large gift of 1,000,000, to be devoted to plague preventive measures, a further gift of 20,000.

STORMS RAGING.

[THE "SHAT PO" SERVICE.]

Fengtien, Feb. 9.

Furious snow storms are raging over the neighbourhood.

It is believed that they will do much to stop the plague.

Anxiety in Peking.

One hears of old conservative officials replying, when asked to sanction the engagement of numerous foreign doctors: "Bring out your medical students. This is a good opportunity to test the value of your foreign medical training."

We had quite an exodus on Tuesday, says the Peking Correspondent of the "N. C. D. News." Many people having business in the South hurried away a little earlier, perhaps, than they had intended; for there appeared a probability of the railways being suspended as well as of

quarantine being instituted at southern ports, as the disease is slowly stalking southward. It may now be well on its way towards Hankow. Choofoo is attacked severely, according to the latest reports, and there are cases at several points on the Tientsin-Pukow railway line. Doctors are of opinion that the warmer climates will give a much better chance of coping with this form of plague, but it is stated by a medical officer who was in Hongkong in the epidemic of 1894 that thirty per cent. of the cases there were pneumonic, the remainder bubonic. One thing is certain, however, that very little is known about this form of plague. Many doctors believe that it will disappear as the warmer weather sets in and that next winter will bring a virulent epidemic beginning at all places that have been visited by the disease this year. Greater importance would thus attach to the proposed scientific expedition mentioned in Reuter's telegrams than the interests of abstract science.

The Diplomatic Corps has postponed the proposed closing of the Legation quarter until after the 20th instant; and it is not certain that it will be isolated at all. Legations are taking independent action in regard to their own people. Members of the British and German Legations have all been inoculated and the Military Officers of those two Powers have ceased to visit the Club. The gates of the British and Austro-Hungarian Legations have been closed for some days, but persons on business find no difficulty in gaining admission. Indeed, all the Legations have instituted precautions of one kind or another. Certain foreigners, living outside the area have been warned that they should come inside or leave Peking, others have received no notification whatever. The Japanese, of whom there are upwards of 800 distributed throughout the city, have formed an Association including in its committee four doctors, and workable regulations for the safety and convenience of its members have been drawn up. In this respect they have set a splendid example to other foreigners; for if the Legation area does close its gates, some 300 of us will be thrown entirely upon our own individual resources, while exclusion from the quarter will add materially to our inconvenience.

The situation has robbed Peking of much of its gaiety without compensation on the side of economy.

From Chinese Sources.

A telegraphic memorial from the Shantung Governor reports to the Throne that in obedience to Imperial orders, he has made investigations into the plague disease which is spreading around Choofoo, and he has, as a precaution, stopped communications beyond Weihien.

The plague has again been virulent outside Shangkaiwan; a certain family, composed of fifteen persons, all died. More than 2,000 coolies banded themselves together and tried to force an entry at the barrier, but they were repulsed by the troops.

For fear of the plague spreading southward, the Governors of Honan and Shantung have decided to establish plague hospitals and quarantine stations along the south bank of the Huangho.

Owing to the plague in Manchuria, international questions have been extremely difficult to deal with, and there is a report that the Kirin Governor is desirous of retiring from office.

There have been heavy falls of snow in Peking, and the plague seems to have been checked, as no fresh case has been reported for several days.

The South Manchuria Railway Co. has established seven large hospitals for plague patients; each with a capacity of holding 500 persons. Some barracks buildings have also been lent to the Chinese authorities for use as examination houses.

The Diplomatic Corps has addressed a note to the Ministry of the Interior asking for the prohibition of theatrical exhibitions as a preventive measure against contagion.

The Grand Council and the Ministry of Posts and Communications have held a consultation together with a view to stop the southward traffic on the Peking-Hankow Railway line.

A Mukden telegram says that although trains of the South Manchuria Railway are running, no poor Chinese are allowed to travel on them.

Twenty-four doctors have been dispatched by the Japanese Government to South Manchuria for plague work; fifteen medical graduates were sent by Viceroy Chien Kuei-lung to Fengtien for a similar purpose.

The daily return of the deaths from plague in Harbin and Vladivostok is said to amount to about 500.

Viceroy Hsi Liang has telegraphed to Canton for experts who understand the plague and who are urgently needed at Fengtien. Handsome pay is promised to all those who will proceed there to render assistance. The Viceroy has removed Messrs. Li Shu-en and Yu Hsin-Sze from office on account of their procrastination in starting plague preventive measures.

News from Pientsin.

The following are taken from the "Peking and Tientsin Times" of January 28:

Plague news from Tientsin City, Peking, Paoingfu, and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line, is conspicuous by its absence. We wish we could feel confident that no news in this case meant good news. In the light of what is happening elsewhere, however, one can hardly expect that the numerous cases reported from the above-mentioned places have no infection, and that no further deaths have taken place. In the Austrian Concession Isolation Hospital three women and a child have died within the last three days. The situation in the Yungpingfu district is worse, and there are other points on the Mukden route where cases have occurred. As for Mukden itself the figures which we published yesterday, sixty cases and forty-eight deaths, indicate only too clearly how serious the situation has become there. The sad death of Dr. Jackson, a young man with high medical credentials who recently joined Dr. Christie at Mukden, emphasizes in a tragic way the necessity for Europeans coming into close contact with plague cases or contacts taking the most complete precautions.

Yungpingfu, Jan. 25.—The military have offered further medical help in connexion with plague precautionary measures, but the civil officials whom I have seen again to have gone back on all their promises. So, though the villages are guarded, no preparations have been made for patients. Ten deaths from plague are reported from a village fifty li to the west.

Jan. 26.—There were four plague deaths yesterday, close to the city, one at a new centre. There is one suspect case inside the city. A proclamation which has been issued contains advice regarding sanitation, and recommends a Chinese sweating medicine in case of attack by plague and the burning of a second medicine for fumigation.

Paoingfu, Jan. 26.—There are no cases of plague here, though many have died at a village thirty-five li distant. A detention camp is to be opened here tomorrow at the railway station, and all arrivals by train will be placed in quarantine for five days. The Chihli Provincial College has laid in supplies for three months, and the gates will be closed whenever a case of plague is reported in the city.

The plague situation in Tientsin does not seem to develop at the expected speed. We can hear of no further cases in the city, while in the Austrian Concession the total cases, and deaths, stand at four men, four women and

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one child, all due to contact with the original victim. In the isolation hospital are six men, two women and three children.

A communication from Harbin dated January 22 states that the average number of deaths in the Chinese city have been 120-130 daily for the past week. Forty or fifty die in the hospitals and the remainder are picked up in the streets by the Sanitary Corps. There are forty to sixty deaths daily in the Russian Settlement, but all are Chinese. The greatest difficulty is experienced in finding accommodation for contacts.

Precautions in Korea.

The Government-General of Korea has sent instruction to all Custom Houses in Korea setting forth the preventive measures to be taken against black plague. All imports of soy bean, Indian corn, and other food stuffs, from Manchuria is prohibited for the time being.

ALIENS IN ENGLAND.

LEGISLATION PROMISED.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

London, Feb. 9, 9.20 p.m.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in view of the recent affray at Houndsditch, when a number of policemen were killed by foreigners, has made a declaration that the Government were prepared to make a promise that legislation would immediately be forthcoming to deal with the question of aliens in England.

A strong agitation has been carried on both in the press and on the platform urging the authorities to pass such measures as will prevent the recurrence of the astounding scenes recently witnessed in London.

THE SHANGHAI CRISIS.

INVESTIGATION OF CHINESE OFFICIALS' AFFAIRS.

[THE "SHENGO PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

Su Fu and Ching Tack Chuen have telegraphed to the Puchipu requesting that another official be appointed to assist in the investigation into the affairs of

Choi Ni Wong, the ex-Taotai of Shanghai, in order that the enquiry should be impartial.

The Viceroy of the Two Kiang is said to be too friendly towards the ex-Taotai.

The army of school children in England and Wales was shown by a return issued yesterday to number more than six millions on the rolls of the ordinary public elementary schools.

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THE PRIZE RING.

WOLGAST DEFEATED.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

London, Feb. 9, 9.20 p.m.

"Knockout" Brown has beaten Wolgast in a very fast boxing bout.

Digger Stanley has also been defeated.

His conqueror was Tommy O'Toole.

[Contrary to the general idea, Adolphe Wolgast, the new lightweight champion of the world, is an American boy of German parentage. He was born at Cadillac, Mich., Feb. 8, 1888, thus being a trifle over 23 years of age. He stands 5 feet 4.2 inches in height, and began his career in his home town in 1906. After boxing a number of local men, he showed form enough for his backers to match him against Percy Cove, the human slat, whom he defeated at Oakkosh, Wis., June 12, 1907.

It was not until he had defeated Harry Baker at Milwaukee Feb. 14, 1908, however, that serious attention was paid to him. The manner in which he mauled the clever Californian in 10 rounds made close followers of the sport acknowledge that the youngster, if properly handled, must be reckoned among the championship possibilities.

Wolgast shortly afterward came east and boxed Owen Moran at New York, but made a rather unfavourable impression against the marvellous Englishman, who at that time was at his best.

After this Wolgast went to the coast and knocked out Danny Webster at Los Angeles in 18 rounds, following it up with a 10-round no-decision contest with Abe Attell. Jumping from the featherweight to the lightweight class, Wolgast bested Frank Picato and George Memsie in 10-round bouts.

Coming back east, he knocked out Tommy Langdon in a round at Philadelphia, boxed six rounds with Tommy O'Toole and on June 13 last fought his sensational 10-round battle with Nelson at Los Angeles, in which Wolgast was credited with having the better of the milling.

Once more the sturdy little fellow hiked eastward, stopping off at Pittsburg to meet Tommy Murphy, then reached Boston, where he boxed Matty Baldwin 12 rounds at the Armory. Five minor bouts at Grand Rapids followed before he knocked out Henry Piet, the French lightweight, at New Orleans, in a round. November 20 last he whipped Lew Powell in 20 rounds at San Francisco. This brought him the chance to fight Nelson for the championship.]

London, 28th January.—Digger Stanley, holder of the 1910 bantam weight championships of England and the World, has been beaten. His opponent was Frank Burns, who has lately come into prominence. The fight lasted only ten rounds.

An "Indian Daily News" special telegram of the 18th instant from London states that the largest dirigible in the world has been completed at Barrow.

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ACTION BY JAPAN AND

RUSSIA.

[THE "INDEPENDENT NEWS" AGENCY.]

Tokyo, February 10th.

The Japanese Imperial Diet has approved of the Government's proposal for the introduction of an additional Budget so as to provide funds to be used in the suppression of the plague epidemic in Manchuria.

YUNNAN.

VICEROY-ASKS FOR MORE TROOPS.

[THE "SHENGO PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

Viceroy Li of Yunnan has telegraphed to the Throne stating that the British troops operating on the frontier are gaining ground.

He is anxious about the situation, and asks the Throne to instruct the Viceroy of Szechuan to send as many troops as he can spare to Yunnan.

CANTON GAMBLING.

[THE "SHENGO PO" SERVICE.]

Canton, Feb. 9.

Viceroy Chang has shown to the gentry a telegram from the Tachipu, in which it agrees to the suggested date for the suppression of gambling, and denounces reports to the contrary which appeared in Canton papers.

PRINCE KUNG.

ALLEGED ASSASSINATION

RUMOURED.

[THE "SHENGO PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

The Ministry of the Interior has issued a proclamation prohibiting the people from circulating the rumour of the alleged assassination of Prince Kung.

It is proposed to lay down several branch lines of railway outside Delhi in order to facilitate traffic in connection with the Coronation Durbar.

THE CORONATION.

OFFICIAL INTIMATIONS.

In a supplement to the London "Gazette," issued a few weeks ago, there are given various notices by the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, with reference to the forthcoming Coronation of Their Majesties.

The first intimation requests peers and peeresses entitled to be present to forward their addresses to the Earl Marshal, and other notices deal with the robes and coronets to be worn.

Issued from the Earl Marshal's office, 3 Cleveland Row, S.W., the first notice in the supplement to the "Gazette" requests all peers entitled to assist at the solemnity of the Royal Coronation of Their Majesties to transmit their respective addresses to the Earl Marshal, at his office, and the dowager peeresses who may claim to attend at the said Coronation, also to transmit to him their respective names and addresses, in order that their letter of summons may be prepared without delay.

The second intimation to all peers who attend at the Coronation of Their Majesties, is that the robe or mantle of the peers be of crimson velvet, edged with miniver, the cape furled with miniver pure, and powdered with bars or rows of ermine (i.e., narrow pieces of black fur), according to their degree, viz:—

Barons, two rows.
Viscounts, two rows and a half.
Earls three rows.
Marquesses, three rows and a half.
Dukes, four rows.

The said mantles or robes to be worn over full Court dress uniform, or regimentals.

THE CORONETS.

The coronets to be of silver gilt; the caps of crimson velvet turned up with ermine, with a gold tassel on the top; and no jewels or precious stones are to be set or used in the coronets, or counterfeited pearls instead of silver balls.

The coronet of a Baron to have on the circle or rim, six silver balls at equal distances.

The coronet of a viscount to have, on the circle, sixteen silver balls.

The coronet of an earl to have, on the circle, eight silver balls; raised upon points, with gold strawberry leaves between the points.

The coronet of a marquis to have, on the circle, four gold strawberry leaves, and four silver balls alternately, the latter a little raised on points above the rim.

The coronet of a duke to have, on the circle, eight gold strawberry leaves.

A third notice deals with the robes of peeresses, and states that the robes or mantles appertaining to their respective ranks are to be worn over the usual full Court dress.

THE ROBES AND MANTLES.

That the robe or mantle of a baroness be of crimson velvet, the cape whereof, to be furled with miniver pure, and powdered with two bars or rows of ermine (i.e., narrow pieces of black fur); the said mantle to be edged round with miniver pure two inches in breadth, and the train to be three feet on the ground; the coronet to be according to her degree—namely, a rim or circle with six pearls (represented by silver balls) upon the same, not raised upon points.

That the robe or mantle of a viscountess be like that of a baroness, only the cape powdered with two rows and a half of ermine, the edging of the mantle two inches as before, and the train a yard and a quarter, the coronet to be according to her degree—namely, a rim or circle with six pearls (represented by

silver balls), thereon, sixteen in number, and not raised upon points.

That the robe or mantle of a countess be as before, only the cape powdered, with three rows of ermine, the edging three inches in breadth, and the train a yard and a half; the coronet to be composed of eight pearls (represented by silver balls), raised upon points or rays, with small strawberry leaves between, above the rim.

That the robe or mantle of a marchioness be as before, only the cape powdered, with three rows and a half of ermine, the edging four inches in breadth, train a yard and three-quarters; the coronet to be composed of four strawberry leaves and four pearls (represented by silver balls) raised upon points of the same height as the leaves, alternately above the rim.

That the robe or mantle of a duchess be as before, only the cape powdered with four rows of ermine, the edging five inches broad, the train two yards; the coronet to be composed of eight strawberry leaves, all of equal height, above the rim.

It is further announced that only those peers and peeresses who reply to the above intimation before the first day of January 1911, will receive the Royal Command to attend the ceremony of the Coronation.

CLERKS AND LANGUAGES.

BRITISH EMPLOYEES IMPROVING THEIR LINGUISTIC EQUIPMENT.

The "British Trade Review," of January 2, remarks:—A bluff English captain of a trading vessel, asked if he could speak French, scoffed at the idea, and replied: "If any foreign devils wish to speak to me, let 'em do it in English." But this insularity is an unwise attitude in commerce, and British manufacturers and shippers transacting business with distant ports find a knowledge of foreign languages absolutely necessary. French, German, Italian, Spanish, Hindoo, and in some instances, Chinese clerks have been introduced into our commercial houses, and have ultimately obtained responsible positions. For a time routine English clerks had little chance in competition with these foreigners, who, with linguistic ability, dealt with all kinds of correspondence, and had many pleasant breaks away as travellers for their respective firms abroad. A different state of things is, fortunately, now obtaining. Special attention is given to the cultivation of foreign languages by English clerks, and important houses are affording opportunities to their employees, to become proficient, especially in French, German, and Spanish; and many young fellows, qualified to read, write, and speak these languages are sent to Hamburg, Paris, and other European cities, and to the Far East and to South America to acquaint themselves with business methods, and to develop British trade. They are proving of the greatest service; and it is an admitted fact that they are competing successfully, particularly with German clerks who, formerly, had nearly the exclusive run of the market. In London houses there are now many Englishmen who are proficient in two or three languages, and in Manchester a large number of foreign clerks have been superseded by English youths, who are thoroughly capable of tackling foreign correspondence, and are showing, in addition, keen business instinct and aptitude for organisation. There is, of course, much yet to be done; but technical training in manufacture and commerce, coupled with linguistic acquirement, is undoubtedly tending to greater enterprise in British trade, and less dependence of foreign correspondents and translators.

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1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.
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2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. " 15 min.
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.
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" " "Kong Sigurd" from
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" " "Gaudiana" from Soabul

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1911. [866]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOHRS & CO., General Agents, Hongkong, 7th Feb., 1911. [7]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

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THE

Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 1911.

FESTINA LENTE.

The famous description, "A young man in a hurry," applies in great fullness to the body of Chinese opinion represented at Peking by the National Assembly. It has indicated a desire for reform so furious that it is not unlikely to defeat its own ends. The danger has been recognised by the Prince Regent and his councillors, who have been preaching the need of care in the making of legislation. In this they will have the support of all thinking men, for the "bold attitude" of the Assembly, as the "Times" Peking correspondent points out, threatens to paralyse the government, and unless a wise and strong ruler arises—to injure instead of saving a great Empire, closed in on every side by highly-organised forces and weakened during the ages by corruption and ignorance. Never-

theless it is indicative of the reality of the awakening of China that an oriental people should have to listen to a "Festina lente" from its own Government. Units of the latter, it is true, may very well be hiding under an expression of anxiety their objection to all change; but we believe that the Regent and Councillors, who are really desirous of directing the new spirit along careful channels, are greatly in the majority. But they look with some trepidation at the high rate of speed the unwieldy machine of Chinese opinion is now developing. For years they have had the extraordinarily complicated problems of this country to solve, and while they have not been as successful as we could wish, there is no doubt that a very real advance has been made without dislocating every day life. The Assembly wish to hurry matters, forgetting that the great mass of the people are so ignorant that even the simplest attempt at guidance, such as the numbering of houses, or the taking of a census, arouses them to riot. It is safe to say that the legislation, the necessary legislation, which the Assembly contemplates would appear to them an unheard-of infringement of their rights. A generation, at least, must elapse before they will be able to give intelligent support to Government schemes of improvement. During the next few years the Assembly will be better employed in making slowly those legislative bricks which will go to complete the edifice of the new Constitutional China. Haste in the process will result in a building out of plumb, in general disappointment to the people and a consequent danger of reaction, which would hold back China for many years from the position which she may rightly hope to occupy.

HONGKONG DAY
BY DAY.

The City Hall Library will be closed to-night, and not re-opened until 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. Webster, the advertising manager of the "Manila Times," arrives here by the Minnesota.

On board the Silesia a very fine lion and lioness are being taken to Kobe. They are from Hamburg.

Dr. E. A. Voretzsch, the German Consul-General, left for Canton last evening and expects to stay there for several days.

Seven hundred Indian troops in Kowloon went out on the railway this morning to carry out certain military manoeuvres.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks the following donation to the funds of the hospitals:—Standard Oil Co., \$50.

Dr. J. Benevides, inspector of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, having finished with the inspection of the Macao branch of the Bank, is returning to Lisbon by the next English mail.

Mr. P. Currie, of the Ellis Kadoorie School, gave a lecture last evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the subject being "Queensland." The speaker had some very fine lantern slides, furnished by the Government of Queensland.

From Macao, we learn that Dr. Mansilla has re-assumed his position of Colonial Secretary, but it is believed that the colony will soon again lose the services of this able official, as he has been put forward as the Government candidate to represent Macao at the Cortes. The general elections must soon take place, as the Cortes is to meet in April.

The field officer for the week is Capt. D. Clapham, R.G.A.

The Corinthian Yacht Club members are holding a "smoker" on 18th instant at 8 p.m.

A telegram to the "Sheung Po" yesterday states that a secretary of the Board of Punishments at Peking has stabbed himself in the chest and is not expected to live.

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China celebrates his birthday to-morrow. The young monarch, who displays unusual intelligence for his years, is only six.

Prince Ching is reported to be taking very little interest in the affairs of state, and the Grand Council is now almost entirely under the direction of Na Tung. Prince Ching is in poor health.

The Christian Union meeting on Monday will be conducted by the Rev. S. W. Payne, who has kindly consented to give a series of addresses. The meeting will be held as usual at Rutherford Hall, St. Stephen's College, at 5.30 p.m.

An inquest was held yesterday, at the Magistracy, on a prisoner who died in gaol. The deceased was sentenced last January for returning from banishment. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

The German troop ship Necker left port last night for Tsingtau via Shanghai. By inadvertence, several of her contingent were left behind. They have been placed on board the Scharnhorst, which is later going to Tsingtau by way of Manila.

Ever since H.E. Tsang Chi's departure for the North, Major-General Fu has been acting as Tartar General of Canton, and now a rumour is current in official circles that Tsang Chi will be given the Viceroyship of the Three Eastern Provinces and that the acting Tartar General will be appointed to act permanently.

Three arrived here by the s.s. Daigi Maru this week from Formosa twelve large cases of gipsy ornaments—mostly figures and josses—designed for the International Hygiene Exhibition to be held at Dresden this year. The curios will be despatched to Germany by the s.s. Miyaki Maru sailing on the 15th. The collection of exhibits is being sent by the Imperial Japanese Commission of which Viscount K. Mushakaji is in charge.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Hon'ble the Director of Public Works and Private Secretary, visited the village of Shauiwan yesterday and inspected the nullahs in the vicinity and also the Police Station. The improvements in the villages of Tai Hang and projected works in the Wongneichong Valley and other public works were also inspected. By the courtesy of Mr. Percy Smith, managing director, the party visited the new hair factory in Shauiwan Road, and the various processes were described by the manager, to whom the Governor expressed his cordial thanks and interest.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the Hongkong College of Medicine Calendar for 1911. The Spring Session opens on 1st March and closes on 30th June. Professional examinations begin on 1st July and preliminary examinations on 24th July. The Autumn Session opens on 1st September and closes on 30th December. During the present year the scholarships open to competition are one Blake Scholarship of \$150 a year (tenable for one year), one Bolitho Scholarship of \$100 a year (tenable for three years), and one Government Scholarship of \$40 a year (tenable for three years).

PEKING SCHOOLS SHUT.

Mr. Kong Kwak Wa, a student at the Peking Railway College, who has arrived in Hongkong on his way to Canton, states that all the colleges and schools in the capital have been closed owing to fears entertained of the plague spreading.

OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

China Mail.

THE OPIUM PROSECUTIONS.

The police have ordinarily quite enough difficulties in dealing with matters of this kind, and we are surprised that the Magistrate did not take a strictly legal line in the cases under notice. Of course, while taking the attitude we do on this question, we agree that it would have been a wiser step to have supplemented the announcement with an official notice to the people concerned, and we assume that this step will now be taken before any further prosecutions are launched. The whole thing, however, discloses a woeful lack of co-operation between Government Departments.

Daily Press.

FAR EASTERN SQUADRON.

The considerations which dictate the maintenance of a powerful squadron at Hongkong, are connected with possibilities mainly in the Pacific, rather than the Indian Ocean. Be it observed that the general tendency of naval developments in the Northern Pacific is in the direction of strengthening squadrons, rather than reducing them, and this will probably be still more the case when the Panama Canal is opened. The Admiralty did not decide to spend millions of pounds sterling on equipping Hongkong as the main naval base in Eastern waters before every conceivable development had been most carefully considered, and we can discern nothing in the situation to warrant the view that the China Station cannot any longer be regarded as the most advantageous location for the main body of Great Britain's Eastern naval forces.

South China Morning Post.

THE MONGOLIAN BORDER.

China, however, has no great use for Mongolia, and her interests in the region are certainly not worth a sanguinary encounter in which inevitably she must be defeated. Under these circumstances, we venture to suggest that should Russia be determined to secure Mongolia, a basis of a compromise should be found by which the vested interests of China would receive compensation, and the peace between the two countries would not be broken. In all probability, however, matters have not yet reached a position where serious concern need be felt about the Mongolian border, and we feel sure that the respective representatives of the two Governments will soon arrive at a satisfactory solution of the whole question.

MACAO NOTES.

The "Telegraph" Correspondent.

Macao, Feb. 9.

Macao papers to hand furnish a good instance of the office of circumlocution depicted by Dickens in one of his famous novels.

The Director of the Public Works Department issued a new regulation forbidding householders from whitewashing their houses in white and yellow—the republican colours. The president of the Municipal Council made representation to the Governor against the new rule, which is generally considered as arbitrary and illegal.

The Governor replied that the policy of the government was to afford to heads of departments the greatest decentralisation and consequent responsibility in the exercise of their respective duties and that the Council should first address the Director of Public Works in the matter.

The Director in question was next approached, and he rather naively replied that the new regulation complained of was inspired by the Governor himself.

SUPREME COURT.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

In the above Court, this morning, Mr. Justice Hazeland was occupied in hearing applications from Counsel for the postponement of cases on the hearing list, on diverse grounds. Only two or three trivial cases were taken, the only one of any interest being that of Chan Singh v. E. B. Shepherd. The claim was for \$300, due on a promissory note. Defendant did not appear and after service of summonses had been proved, plaintiff, on being put in the box, swore that only \$350 was due.

His Honour asked whether \$40 had been paid on account, but the plaintiff denied this.

His Honour asked how he came to claim \$300, and Mr. Gardner, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that his client was unable to read and counsel did not know himself if \$40 had been paid on account.

His Honour thereupon entered judgment for \$350 with costs.

VOLUNTEER DANCE.

The Hongkong Volunteers hold their annual dance this evening in the City Hall.

A most enjoyable function is assured. The band of the K.O.Y.L.I. will provide the music, the floors are excellent, the decorations are effective, and the supper arrangements are in the hands of a most capable committee. Everything has been done to ensure a pleasant evening for the numerous guests who have been invited.

The scheme of decoration is green and yellow, garlands being twisted up the pillars of the vestibule, and laid along the grand staircase. In the rooms numerous flags are hung, and also portraits of the various Officers Commanding the corps. The necessary touch of militarism is given by the bayonets on the walls.

There are twenty-one items on the programme, so that dancing may be expected to continue to a late hour.

BIG COCAINE SEIZURE.

MAN HEAVILY PUNISHED.

So Po was charged at the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. E. R. Hallifax, with unlawfully importing into the Colony 500 ounces of cocaine, and with not having a licence.

Mr. Trotman, superintendent of the Export and Import Department, prosecuted.

Defendant was unrepresented. A Chinese Revenue Officer stated that he went on board the s.s. Sui An yesterday at 5.45 p.m., and saw the defendant standing a little way from the bags. He asked him if they belonged to him, and the reply was "Yes." Witness then blew his whistle three times. The defendant told him not to arrest him, and offered witness some money to buy tea. Later the European Officer came up and arrested the defendant.

Revenue Officer Wilden was next called, and said that about 5.45 p.m. he was on the wharf at the time of the arrival of the s.s. Sui An from Macao. He sent the last witness on board. Later he followed, and saw the defendant and the Chinese Revenue Officer standing near four bags. He went up and asked the defendant whether the bags contained opium or morphine. The reply was "I don't know," and when witness asked him if the bags were his, the reply was "Yes."

His Worship—Defendant has not a licence?

Mr. Trotman—No.

His Worship to defendant—What have you to say?

Defendant—The goods are not mine. They were given to me by a friend in Macao to bring into Hongkong. I did not know the contents of the bags. My friend told me they contained sundry goods.

His Worship—Have you any witnesses?

Defendant—No.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$2000, or in default twelve months' imprisonment. The cocaine is to be confiscated.

SAIGON RUBBER.

ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE
CHINESE LABOUR.

The "Telegraph" Correspondent.

Canton, Feb. 9.

An attempt is being made to engage Chinese labour for the rubber plantations in French Indo-China.

The Diplomatic Commissioner at Swatow has reported to the Canton Viceroy that he is in receipt of a despatch from the French Consul at the former port stating that a French emigration agent has approached him with a view to getting Chinese labourers from Swatow for Saigon to work in the rubber plantations. On receipt of this report, H.E. the Viceroy asked for the opinion of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, as His Excellency is afraid that there may be evils attending the emigration of Chinese labourers to foreign dominions. The Chamber has wired to the Chinese merchants of Saigon asking them to institute thorough and minute enquiry into the matter before a reply is given to the French Consul.

WORLD'S NEWS.

[Via Japan.]

PUBLIC HEALTH IN GREAT
BRITAIN.

London, Jan. 27.—Statistics published by the "Daily Chronicle" show that the cases of infant mortality in Great Britain in 1910 recorded a decrease of 151,000 as compared with figures for the preceding year. This, it is stated, is the result of the remarkable improvement in sanitary conditions among the people.

THE JAPAN-AMERICA
AGREEMENT.

San Francisco, January 29.—Yesterday afternoon in the Californian Senate, Senator Sanford introduced a resolution similar to that introduced in the House of Representatives the previous day, opposing the ratification of the proviso attached to Article 2 of the Japan-American Treaty. It appears that even those members of Congress who are opposed to the other anti-Japanese Bills are mostly in favour of the present Bill.

U.S. NAVAL ESTIMATES.

New York, Jan. 29.—The Naval Budget Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives has fixed the Naval Estimates for next year at \$125,421,538. The vessels to be constructed during next year are two battleships of 27,000 tons each (each to cost \$11,835,480), two transports, three torpedo-destroyers, and four submarines.

PANAMA CANAL DEFENCE.

New York, Jan. 29.—Mr. Oscar Strauss, formerly U.S. Minister to Turkey, has started on his way to inspect the Panama Canal. He is one of those who insist upon the necessity of the defence of the Canal for the maintenance of peace in the future.

SPANISH EMIGRANTS TO
AMERICA.

New York, January 29.—The Spanish Government, deploring the fact that as many as 200,000 Spanish labourers annually emigrate to North and South America, has begun making preparations for the establishment of public works in the country with the object of encouraging labourers to remain at home.

FRANCO-RUSSIAN
RELATIONS.

London, Jan. 30.—The Russian Chamber of Commerce in Paris gave a dinner at which M. Ivolosky, the Russian Ambassador to France, and M. Pichon, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, repeatedly emphasized the stability of the Franco-Russian Alliance.

M. Ivolosky said that he intended to do his utmost for the development of the commercial relations of the two countries, and M. Pichon promised to give as much support as he could to the Russian Ambassador.

The proceedings were marked by the greatest enthusiasm.

Telegrams

RUSSIA'S MEASURES.

TO STOP EMIGRATION.

["INDEPENDENT NEWS" AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that the Russian Govern-

ment has decided to stop all transportation of emigrants to the Far East owing to the plague.

JAPAN AND THE KING'S
CORONATION.TWO WARSHIPS TO GO TO
LONDON.

["INDEPENDENT NEWS" AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

The Japanese Imperial Diet

has decided to send two warships to London to represent Japan's Fleet at the Coronation of His Majesty King George V.

SELLING OPIUM PIPES.

GOVERNMENT EN-
COURAGES THE
OPIUM HABIT.

While the Hongkong Government are ostensibly carrying out the Home Administration's fullest intentions with reference to the suppression of opium smoking, it is rather strange to notice one glaring inconsistency in their conduct of the measures to eradicate the habit. In the compound of the Central Station this morning there was one of the periodical sales by public auction of articles seized by the Police during raids, handed over to them as lost goods and never claimed, or coming into their possession in some other way.

Amongst the "olla podrida" of articles offered for sale this morning was a great quantity of opium-smoking paraphernalia, including some 200 pipes, with lamps, trays, and so on. These were all offered unreservedly and fetched good prices as prices go at the Police auction sales.

It can hardly be doubted that these pipes, etc., find their way back into the opium dens either here or in Canton and surely it behoves our local authorities, if they intend to carry out opium abolition in the Colony, to see to it that all the pipes and other gear seized are destroyed and not put into the second-hand market and so made easily obtainable by victims of the habit.

GAMBLING RAIDS.

Sergeant Watt and a party of police made a raid last night on No. 170, Third Street, and arrested twenty-five men for gambling. The men appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning to answer to the charge, and after hearing the evidence his Worship ordered each defendant to pay a fine of \$250.

Another raid was made by Detective-Sergeant Wills, in which he arrested six men for playing Ngau Pai in No. 30, Cochrane Street. This morning two were charged with keeping a gambling house, and the remainder for playing. A sum of money was also found in the house, \$95 in all.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$30 on the first defendant, and \$50 on the second defendant. The remainder paid \$5 each, whilst the money found in the house was ordered to be confiscated.

Inspector Gourlay also made a raid and arrested six men. They were brought before the Magistrate this morning. The keeper was fined \$30, and the remainder \$4 each. \$125 were found on the table, and this sum was also confiscated.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

LADY LUGARD AT HOME.

Another concert took place at Government House last evening, this one being purely amateur in character but exceedingly good in quality, and reflecting the highest praise on all who took part in it. Thanks to the kindness of Lady Lugard a large audience was gathered to enjoy the music.

The evening was almost entirely devoted to Beethoven, the first half of the programme being an arrangement for 2 pianos, strings, flute, and timpani of Symphony No. 5. Arrangements are not always desirable but they enable us to form some idea of works which would have fewer hearings if they could only be performed by the large orchestras for which they are written. However, the arrangement last night was quite satisfactory. At the pianos were Mrs. Barrington, Monsieur Liebert and Miss Barker. Mrs. Tibbs played the drums, Major Hunter the flute, Mr. Tuxford the viola, while the violinists were Mrs. Von Wiser, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Lindsey and Mr. Timmerscheidt, and Mr. George Lammert conducted. The absence of the cello made the lack of the bass line rather felt in places, while the time was not always strictly kept, but these were minor defects and on the whole the Symphony was well played. Each individual player was very good although more practice would have given added polish.

The second half of the programme opened with two songs by Mr. Frank Grove, "In Questa Tomba," and "Nature's Adoration," excellently rendered in a fine bass voice. Following came part of a Beethoven Sonata, Mrs. Grove, whose excellence as a pianist is well known amongst us, taking the piano and Mr. Timmerscheidt the violin. The Sonata was well played, the violin getting a full and round tone. Then followed the gem of the evening, a song from "Samson and Delilah" — "Mon Coeur S'ouvre à ta Voix" — sung by Miss Oliver, a lady possessed of a rich and cultured contralto-voice, which she used with taste and feeling, playing her own most difficult accompaniment with the greatest ease. In response to enthusiastic applause an encore was given. We much regret that Miss Oliver is not remaining among us, but are grateful for having had the pleasure of hearing her once.

Mr. Timmerscheidt next gave a violin solo, the prize-song from "Meistersinger," which he played in fine style; it was much appreciated. Mr. Danenberg accompanied on the piano. To conclude the programme came two part songs, "Holy Night," and "Spring Time," well sung by a chorus of about 30 voices conducted by Mr. Lammert.

The hearty thanks of all present were due to Lady Lugard, who was not only the kind hostess of the evening, but the organizer and sympathetic supporter of the whole concert; to Mr. Lammert, whose efforts at the practice have been untiring; to Mrs. Tibbs, who has helped most energetically in many capacities; and finally to the performers themselves, who gave of their best for the entertainment of their fellow-colonists.

The programme was as follows:

Part I. Symphony No. 5 — Beethoven. Mrs. Barrington, piano, Mons. Liebert, piano, Miss Barker, piano; Mrs. Tibbs, drums, Major Hunter, flute, Mr. Tuxford, viola, Mrs. Von Wiser, violin, Mrs. Edwards, violin, Mrs. Lindsey, violin, Mr. Barlow, violin, Mr. Grove, cello. Conducted by Mr. G. P. Lammert.

Part II. Songs: — (a) "In Questa Tomba," Beethoven. (b) "Nature's Adoration," Beethoven. Mr. Frank Grove. Sonata No. 5, Op. 24, F. Major, 1st Movement Beethoven. Piano — Mrs. Grove. Violin — Mr. Timmerscheidt. Song — "Mon Coeur s'ouvre à ta Voix," Saint-Saens. Miss Oliver. Violin Solo, Prize Song from "Meistersinger," Wagner-Wilhelm. Mr. Timmerscheidt. Part Songs: — (a) "Holy Night," Beethoven. (b) "Spring Time," Beethoven.

This evening at five o'clock, Lady Lugard is at home at Government House. The music for

the occasion will be furnished by the band of the German cruiser Scharnhorst. Appended is the programme: —

Sinfonie H. moll (the Unfinished One), Schubert; (a) Allegro moderato, (b) And ante con moto. (a) Menotti, Bocherini; (b) Scherzo der Sonnerin, Ole Bull. Siegmund, Love-song from Oper Walker, Wagner. Invention, Morry-Wives of Windsor, Nicolai.

YACHTING.

The Corinthian Yacht Club's sixth race will take place on Sunday, in connection with the handicap, Hayward Days and Gael classes. Starting time as usual. Course, North Fairway, starboard, Channel Rock, port and home. Ten Miles.

Four ton cruiser race for the Mist cup; course Stoncutters Island, starboard, Lyemun Beacon, port and home.

Motor boat, fifth Championship race, will be run over the usual course.

THE "EMPIRE" THEATRE.

To-night and a few following nights, patrons of the "Empire" Cinematograph Theatre have a treat in store for them in the shape of the large new film portraying the powerful story of love and tragedy having for its central figure Messalina, the wife of the Roman Emperor Claudius. The film is the best of Pathé's coloured productions. It has been specially prepared from performances by the Comedie Francaise, Paris. There will be matinees to-morrow and Sunday.

ALLEGED FORGED NOTE.

In the Summary Court this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Hazeland, a Sikh sued a native named Latheng for \$330, being money due on a promissory note.

Mr. Harris appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Dixon for the defendant.

The plaintiff, on being questioned as to the genuineness of the note, said he had once lost it and on representing the matter to the defendant a fresh note was made out to him.

For the defence it was alleged that defendant had only signed the note as a witness, that he had not noticed it at the time the words "We jointly and severally promise to pay," and that he had not received any money at all from the plaintiff.

His Honour was satisfied that there was no question of the defendant having read the note before signing it.

Judgment for the plaintiff.

LATEST MAIL NEWS.

THE DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

The persons arrested have been released on bail. Among the eight arrested are the Captain of the dynamite boat, representatives of the Powder Company that was shipping the dynamite, and employees of the New Jersey Central Railway.

London, Jan. 28. — The Radical weekly, "The Nation," is angry over the execution of the Japanese anarchists and laments the existence of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, which, it says, is unpopular and prevents an Anglo-American rapprochement. But the orthodox view held in the Liberal camp on this subject is indicated by the silence of the "Westminster Gazette" on the matter and the "Daily Chronicle's" warm defence of Japan. — "Osaka Mainichi."

At St. Joseph's R.C. Church yesterday, Captain W. A. Mearns, who is attached to the Military Hospital at Kowloon, was married to Miss Koegle. Captain H. L. G. Boll, R.E., gave away the bride. There was a large number of friends present at the wedding ceremony.

There was a solemn High Mass at the Roman Catholic Cathedral this morning, and the beautiful building was crowded. The occasion was the 53rd anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception at Lourdes in 1858. At Lourdes itself the day is one long series of religious exercises, many of them most striking in character. Dr. von Boroh, the German Consul at Swatow, has arrived in Hongkong and is staying at the King Edward Hotel.

MARINE COURT.

Chan Shap, master of the steam launch E-Wo, is charged by Sgt. W. B. Sutton for failing to observe the rules of the road, as laid down by H. M. order, on the 8th inst.

The case will be heard on the 13th inst., before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N.

GOOD CONDUCT OF A COXSWIN.

This morning, before Commander Beckwith, R.N., Leung Kuan Yang, master of the steam launch, Che Loy, Cheung Tai, master of the launch Cui Kai; Chau Hung Tuk, master of the launch Hoi How; and Lau Chui, master of one launch Hoi Kong were charged with carrying a number of passengers in excess of the number allowed by their licenses, viz., 54, 100, 50 and 77 respectively.

All four pleaded guilty and the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50 — or 3 months' hard labour in the first three cases.

In reference to the last case the Magistrate said: — Taking into consideration the special good conduct of the coxswain, Lan Chai, in saving life on this day from his launch at Sai Cheung, I order the nominal fine of \$25 — or two months' hard labour.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

At Happy Valley this morning the funeral took place of the remains of the late Mr. J. Woxen, Imperial Maritime Customs, who was drowned at Kowloon on 24th ult. while yachting. The dead body of Mr. Woxen was found, a few days ago some distance up the river, where it had been carried by the tide. He was only 30 years of age. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. C. E. Thompson. There was a large number of mourners present, including Mr. A. H. Harris, Commissioner of Customs, and Mr. W. G. Hewitt, tide surveyor.

TRAINING NOTES.

MR. KADOORIE'S SPORTING CHANCES.

Happy Valley, Feb. 10.

Not many ponies were seen out galloping this morning. Owners restricted them to trotting and sweating work only with the exception of Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Derby representatives, who were sent over the 1.1-2 mile course. They look fit and have a sporting chance of securing a place at the finish next Wednesday, although if either of them should secure the Judges' verdict the win would be a decidedly popular one. He must be a pony much above the average in order to be able to show the heels to Mr. Buxey's Coronation Rose for the coveted Derby honours. The latter pony is par excellence the only contestant for the race and holds undisputed sway over public opinion.

I append the times of the few ponies that were called upon to do good solid work this morning. They are: —

Just in Sport (F. A. C.), 1 mile, 2.12, last quarter 31.

Just in Fun (F. A. C.), 1 mile, 2.14, last quarter 30.

Just in Time (F. A. C.), 1 mile, 2.13, last quarter 30.3-5.

Servian Chief, 1 mile, 2.22, last quarter 30.2-5.

Tickey (G. W. G.), 1 mile, 2.15, last quarter 33.

Tomahawk (K.), 1.1-4 miles, 2.59, last quarter 33.

Artesian (G. W. G.) and Highland Burn (K.), 3-4 mile, 1.42, last quarter 30.

The final gallops will take place to-morrow and Sunday morning, the hardest work being reserved for between 7 and 9 a.m. on Sunday, although I have heard that Mr. Buxey's stud will be given a rest that morning. It is expected that there will be large crowds at the Race Course to-morrow morning to witness the last but one of the gallops this training season.

RIDING BOY.

Mons. Liebert, the French Consul-General, in company with Vice-Consul-Chancellerie M. Pailard, visited the Scharnhorst and Minotaur this afternoon shortly after three o'clock. They were received with the usual salutes by the workshops.

ENERGETIC VICEROY.

SNUBS OFFICIALS FOR LEAVING POSTS.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.] Canton, Feb. 9.

Since the Canton Viceroy took up his seals of office, His Excellency has been very energetic in the discharge of his duty.

Some days ago, the Taotai for Shiu Hing sub prefecture and Lo Ting prefecture and the prefect for Shiu Hing came to Canton. When they were presented to the Viceroy, His Excellency asked what business of importance had brought them together at the same time, and the Taotai and the prefect replied that they wished only to give their yearly greetings to the Viceroy.

The Viceroy was much displeased and told his two juniors that New Year greetings was only a matter of form, and that it was not advisable for a Taotai and a prefect to leave their posts from the same place together, as their absence would certainly be greatly missed in case of trouble occurring.

His Excellency advised the two officials to return to their posts at once, which advice they acted on promptly.

CANTON BANKS.

MUST REPORT EXTENT OF RESOURCES.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.] Canton, Feb. 9.

Instructions have been issued to all the Banks here with a view to relieving the financial situation.

The Ministry of Finance has telegraphed to the Canton Viceroy in the course of which it is pointed out that in view of the financial condition of the country and the disorganisation of the money market so easily brought about by the failure of banks, an investigation into the number of the banks, their capital and their financial position generally is most important and immediately necessary.

All the Banks in Canton will be required therefore to send in a report of their condition to the Provincial Treasurer, who will send deputies to determine whether their reports are correct. It is hoped by this means to prevent dishonest merchants absconding and thus upset the money market.

TROUBLESOME VISITOR.

FRENCHMAN TO BE ARRESTED IN INTERIOR.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.] Canton, Feb. 9.

The Taotai for Lien Chow has reported to the Canton Viceroy that a French traveller has been causing a lot of trouble to the people of Ling Shan district of the Lien prefecture.

The foreigner is alleged to have fired on many peaceful villagers. He has now left the boundary of Lien prefecture and is on his way to Kwong Si. The Taotai begs His Excellency for permission to telegraph to the authorities at Kwong Si to have the French tourist arrested in accordance with treaty stipulations and His Excellency has instructed the Governor of Kwong Si to order the Lung Chow Customs officials to have the Frenchman arrested.

POLICE COURT.

James Frederick Smirk, brakeman on the Peak Tramway, and Fred Song, Fin, fireman, were charged this morning with behaving in a disorderly manner in the Travellers' Hotel. The complainant did not appear in court, and the defendants were discharged.

A Japanese stowaway on board the s.s. Japan was this morning sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

S. A. Marican was summoned this morning for allowing his motor car to travel in Kennedy Road. Bound over in the sum of \$10 to appear when called upon.

Fung Wu of no occupation, was charged with larceny of a quantity of clothing and cigarettes, to the value of \$265, from a Greek. Mr. H. K. Holmes defended. Case remanded.

A number of men and women were summoned for firing crackers and bombs during prohibited hours, Chinese New Year week. The fine varied from \$1 to \$5.

SATURDAY'S SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The following are the fixtures for to-morrow's league cricket: — Royal Garrison Artillery vs. Kowloon Cricket Club on the Military ground, Happy Valley, at 2.15 p.m.

Hongkong Cricket Club "A" team vs. Police Recreation Club, on the Cricket ground at 2 p.m.

"Remnants" vs. Civil Service Cricket Club on the latter's ground at 2.15 p.m.

The following will represent the O.S.C.C. on the Naval ground at 2 p.m. against the Remnants: — H. T. Jackson, Captain, H. R. Philips, H. Tillman, R. E. G. Bird, A. G. Pile, A. F. Churchill, W. McKay, A. H. Cox, H. Ellis, J. McEwen, F. Bacon, Reserves: — E. W. Dawson, P. Heathcote, A. M. Thornhill.

The friendly match of the O.C.C. v. the A.C.C. will be played to-morrow on the C.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. The following will represent the C.C.C.: — H. H. Taylor, R. A. Carvalho, L. A. Rose, J. D. Noria, P. Currie, S. B. Batliwara, A. R. Ellis, W. H. Warren, H. Rapp, R. Phillips, A. M. Sullist.

The league match between Hongkong A and Police will be played to-morrow afternoon (Saturday), on the H.K.C.C.'s ground, commencing at 1.45 p.m. The following will play for the Club: — Messrs. H. R. Makin, A. R. Lowe, A. P. Dashwood, J. Hall, Rev. S. W. Payne, Messrs. P. Jacks, A. O. Lang, D. Bernard, A. Mackenzie, G. Hastings, Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson.

BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Two other matches took place last night at the Soldiers' Club in connection with the above competition. The first game was won by Sergeant-Major Rodgers, H.K.V.C., and Gunner Hemmings of the R.G.A. Rodgers was in grand form and ran out the winner by 73 points. His best breaks were: 31, 28, 24, 24, 15 and 11.

The next game was between Gunner Wilson, H.K.V.C., and Sergeant Short, R.G.A. This game resulted in favour of the H.K.A. man; after a poor show — 250-177.

Two other games will take place to-night.

GRAND HOTEL HANDICAP.

Last night the first game in the 3rd round took place between Mr. Pile (owes 180) and Mr. Kedward (owes 50). A very poor exhibition of billiards was given by Mr. Pile for a player of his reputation; from the start to the finish there was only one man playing and that was Kedward. The scoring by this player was most consistent and his opponent stood practically still while he scored at a very rapid rate.

Just over one hour was the time taken for the player to score 300, and this was very good going.

His chief breaks were 25 twice, 23 twice, 20, 15 twice, 14 and 13, while Pile could only score 13 and three 12s. The scores at the finish were: — Kedward, 250; Pile, 51.

To-morrow night (Saturday) Mr. Thornhill meets Mr. Percy.

OUR DIARY.

Friday, 10th February, Volunteer Dance. Bijou Scenic Theatre, 9.15 p.m. Empiro Cinematograph, 9.15 p.m.

Saturday, 11th February. Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Regatta. Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Smoker.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co. Annual Meeting, 11.30 a.m. Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, Meeting 11.30 a.m.

U. S. N. O. Dance. H.K.S.B. B.R.A. sports.

Sunday, 12th Feb. C.Y.C. Yacht Race.

Today's Advertisements.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS at 11.45 a.m. on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 14th, 15th and 16th instant, respectively. Hongkong, 10th Feb., 1911. [879]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 12 noon, on TUESDAY, 28th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1910, and the Report of the General Managers.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th inst. to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers. Hongkong, 10th Feb., 1911. [880]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "KIYO MARU."

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of Cargo alongside.

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All chafed and damaged Cargo to be left on board and examination of same to be arranged.

K. MATSUDA, Manager. Hongkong, 10th Feb., 1911. [878]

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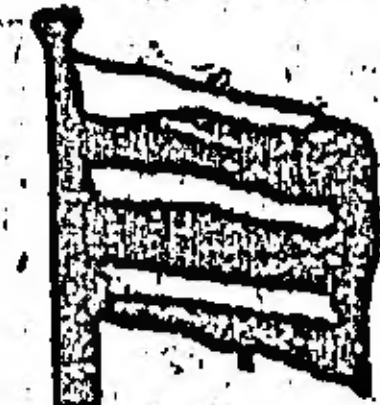
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI & YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, Tons 7,000 INABA MARU, Capt. K. Kawana, Tons 7,000	TUESDAY, 28th Feb., at Noon. TUESDAY, Mar., at Noon.

KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HIRA O MARU, Capt. H. Fraser, Tons 9,000	THURSDAY, 16th Feb., at 11 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at 1 noon.

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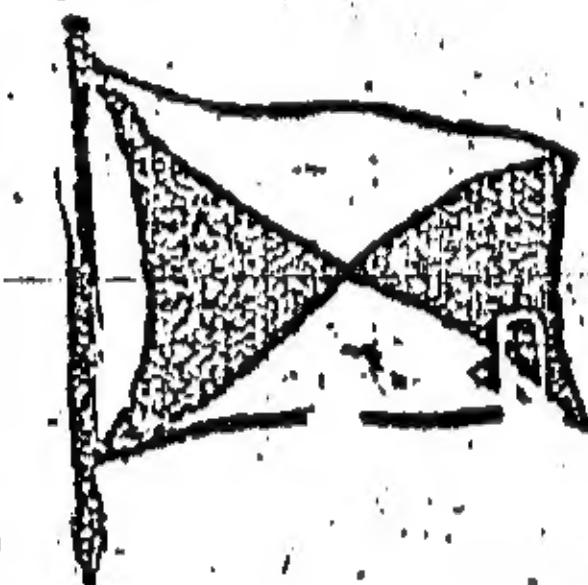
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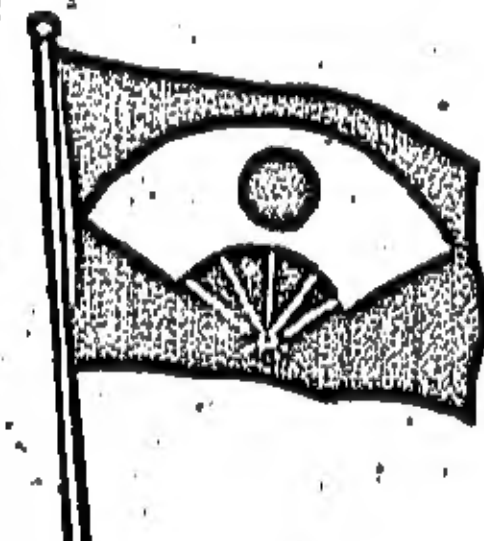
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Hongkong, 23rd Jan., 1911. [4]

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THE LATEST WRAPS.

Those lucky people who, like the swallows, will soon be "flying south," are already busying themselves with the important question of suitable wraps for wearing on the Riviera, where the chilly evenings which follow even the most brilliant days make a fairly warm coat absolutely necessary. Just at the moment the smartest of these new wraps are being made in satin of a rich soft quality, and lined with crepe de chine.

An illustration shows a coat of this description carried out in myrtle-green satin, and arranged in quite a novel way at the back, with a long narrow panel, under which the fullness of the fabric is lightly draped. This panel is adorned with an effective trimming formed of a number of satin buttons, with loops to correspond. The hem of the coat is outlined with skunk, and the same favourite fur appears again in the form of cuffs, and serves also to border the large square collar, and to trim the muffs, the centre of which, by the way, is of myrtle-green satin, gracefully draped. This coat is lined with a new kind of crepe de chine, chosen in a soft shade of pale green, and bordered with self-coloured sprays of silken flowers.

The hat which is seen with this green coat is covered smoothly with black satin, and arranged with a quaintly-shaped double brim. For sole trimming there is one pale green ostrich feather, set upright against the crown of the hat, on one side towards the back.

The coat referred to might be very satisfactorily carried out in fine cloth in any pale pastel colouring bordered with skunk. Or, again, it would be exceedingly useful for wearing a little later in the year, if it were carried out in black satin, with a lining of ivory-white crepe de chine, and a bordering of black soutache embroidery in place of the fur.

On other coats in chiffon velvet, choice furs are being largely used by way of trimming. A lovely wrap, for instance, destined for Monte Carlo, is made in grey chiffon velvet, shot with orange, and arranged in such a way that all the fullness of the fabric is drawn down under a very deep hem of chinchilla. The square collar in this case, however, is made entirely in the soft grey fur, while the large loose sleeves are gathered into chinchilla cuffs.

Yet another very charming wrap is of Nattier blue drap souple, a cloth so fine and soft that in the distance it might easily be mistaken for satin or crepe de chine. This coat is designed on the lines of a pelerine, with a fairly full skirt, gathered lightly at the waist, and finished at the hem with a band of skunk. The bodice part of the coat fits closely to the figure, and is hidden under a deep shoulder-cape of the same cloth, outlined also with skunk, and very demurely finished with a turn-down collar of brown velvet, matching the colour of the fur, and tied in front with brown satin ribbons, the long ends of which reach almost to the feet.

SOME FASCINATING FROCKS.

Three-quarter sleeves, which stop short half-way between elbow and wrist, bodices which are left all innocent of collar, and skirts, not too narrow, and of a sensible length for walking, clearing the ground in fact, by something like two inches—these are the points which strike one as most interesting in these charming gowns which Miss Letitia Fairfax wears in the new play at the Criterion. One of the daintiest of these frocks is made in powder-blue charmeuse, and designed in Princess style, on very simple lines, the skirt being perfectly plain, while the bodice is finished with softly-draped revers of ivory-white lace, and a small chemise of white chiffon.

Another pretty gown is in canary-yellow charmeuse, veiled entirely with ninon de soie in the same delicate shade. The bodice is of the ninon, trimmed with silk braid and tiny buttons, and finished with a chemise of coral lace and a smart little black velvet cravat, very effective against the pale yellow background. Yet a third frock, which is the most picturesque of all, is of grey chine chiffon, printed

with a shawl pattern of Paisley colourings, and made up over pink silk. Near the hem of the skirt there are two thick ruffles of grey silk, shot with pink, and the quaint, old-world effect is emphasised in the bodice, with its draped fichu of shot silk, tied with long sash ends at the back. A large black straw hat is worn with this gown, trimmed with grey and pink shot ostrich feathers.

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Equally becoming in its way, is the frock of white charmeuse; the skirt is encircled near the hem with a broad band of pale blue silk, which in its turn is closely veiled with a tunic of white chiffon, bordered with fringe. The bodice is of pale blue silk and white chiffon, with a small pleated basque, coming just below the line of the waist. In another gown, which is of white ninon, over satin of the palest pink, the heavy silk soutache embroidery is the most interesting feature. There is a broad band of this embroidery on the skirt, while the bodice is covered almost entirely with soutache. A soft sash of pink satin, which passes under the ninon draperies in front, is finished at the back with two long ends.

A very dainty frock is of white chiffon and lace insertion, with a cluster of tiny pink roses and green leaves on one side of the skirt, and a sash ribbon in bright royal blue, with a single fringed end. The white straw hat is lined under the brim with black ermine, and trimmed with pink roses. A dress of pale pink charmeuse is worn with a long tunic of marquisette. Draped round the shoulders there is a pale pink chiffon fichu, caught with clusters of roses, tied with very pale blue ribbon. A large black hat looks well with this gown, plumed with pale pink ostrich feathers. As suggestions for the Riviera, all these gowns are quite delightful.

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THE CONSTITUTION.

PRINCE REGENT RECEIVES GRAND COUNCILLORS.

["Yung Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 4. His Imperial Highness the Prince Regent has had a long conference with the Grand Councillors on the subject of constitutional reform.

He urged their Excellencies to complete the drawing-up of the new laws at an early date, and ordered the formation of a cabinet next month.

THE REGENT.

DISPENSES WITH NEW YEAR CEREMONIES.

["Yung Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 4. The Prince Regent dispensed with many of the New Year ceremonies out of consideration for his minister.

With the Grand Councillors they were received on New Year's Day, and by noon all had paid their respects. Not since the days of the Ching dynasty has this New Year audience been of such short duration.

FOREIGN TROOPS IN YUNNAN.

VICEROY LI MEMORIALISES THE THRONE.

["Yung Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 3. His Excellency Viceroy Li of Yunnan has telegraphed to the Throne reporting the presence of a large force of foreign troops at Pu Mai, in Yunnan.

The people are greatly agitated, and the Viceroy requests that the foreign minister concerned should be at once approached on this matter.

THE PLAGUE.

GENERAL CONDITIONS SHOW NO IMPROVEMENT.

["Yung Shun Po" Service.]

500 DEATHS DAILY.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Tientsin, Feb. 4, 4.15 p.m.

The plague continues to ravage the north, but better news is heard from the various affected districts in China.

The general situation in Manchuria shows no improvement. The number of deaths is 500 a day.

At Muk on yesterday, nine persons succumbed, while four deaths—al Chinese—took place here.

Reports from Peking, a week ago from the interior of the metropolitan province, are reassuring. The capital is now said to be free of all infection.

The pest apparently is lessening in virulence south of the Great Wall.

PEST DECREASES.

["Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 5.

The virulence of the plague has greatly lessened here.

The capital is frozen up, and few cases of pest are being reported.

The suggestion that the Peking-Hankow Railway be closed to traffic is not to be carried out.

Telegrams.

CANTON AND THE PLAGUE.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Canton, Feb. 4.

H.E. the Canton Viceroy has received a telegram from the authorities of the Three Eastern Provinces regarding the prevalence of the plague. The Viceroy is asked to engage several foreign physicians, and to send them up at once to combat this dreadful disease.

His Excellency is further requested to inform the committee of the charitable institutions to solicit public subscriptions towards the scheme for carrying out sanitary measures, and protecting the health of the people in the infected districts.

His Excellency has ordered his juniors to secure the services of medical men for the north, each of whom will receive a monthly salary of \$250, and be provided with a free passage north by the Provincial Government. Several foreign doctors and native practitioners of foreign medicine in Canton and in Fatsien have come forward to offer their services.

Owing to the severity of the scourge, His Excellency considers that no time should be lost in despatching the medicals.

It is reported that the party will proceed on their journey before the 10th of this month.

REPORTS FROM PEKING.

Peking, January 29.—Numerous deaths continue to be reported from Manchuria, but there has been a notable cessation of plague in North China, with the exception of Shantung.

The most elaborate precautions are being taken at Tsingtao, both by land and sea.

A REQUEST FROM HANKOW.

The Hankow Chamber of Commerce has requested the quarantine of trains at the Yellow River.

DEATHS IN CHINA.

Peking, February 1.—Six deaths from plague were reported at Tientsin and one at Peking. In all these cases the persons who died were natives who had been isolated in account of having been in contact with others previously stricken.

The position in Manchuria is practically the same. N.C.D. News.

BURMAH AND CHINA.

PROBABLE TROUBLE REPORTED TO PEKING.

["Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 5.

The fighting on the Burmah frontier is agitating the people of Yunnan.

They have cable to all Yunnanese officials here, reporting the presence of British soldiers on their frontier and asking that Sir John Jordan be notified at once by the Wai Wu Pa.

FOREIGN TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 5, 5 p.m.

The Viceroy of Yunnan has telegraphed to the authorities stating that the foreign troops have all been withdrawn.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Canton, Feb. 5.

A report is current here that British soldiers have been despatched to the frontier between British Burmah and the Chinese Province of Yunnan, and are building a strong post there. The reason of the presence of the British soldiers on the border between the two nations' dominions is at present shrouded in mystery, and has given rise to all sorts of conjecture. No little anxiety is being felt by the people of Yunnan, and it is feared that this may develop into open agitation.

Meanwhile, the high authorities of the Province are not slow to take up the matter. It is reported that Viceroy Li of China, brother of Lord Li of China, has wired to the Court of St. James, has wired to the Throne regarding the action of the Indian Government, and begged it to direct the Waiwu Pa to open negotiations with the British Minister at once. The Cantonese are viewing the situation with calmness, but with some anxiety, and are awaiting the solution of this vexed diplomatic question with keenness.

Telegrams.

AEROPLANING.

FRENCH AVIATORS FLY AT SHANGHAI.

["Shun Po" Service.]

Shanghai, Feb. 5.

A French aviator, with his wife as passenger, will make a flight here on an aer plane today, and again to-morrow.

GUARDS AND POLICE FIGHT.

SEVERAL KILLED.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 5, 5 p.m.

A free fight has taken place between the Peking police and a number of the Imperial guards.

There was considerable excitement in the city. Several men were killed on both sides.

GAMBLING NOT SUPPRESSED.

NO FUNDS TO REPLACE REVENUE.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 5, 5 p.m.

Owing to the lack of funds to replace the revenue derived from gambling in Canton, the Ministry of Finance has decided to postpone the date fixed for the total suppression of gambling.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Tientsin, Feb. 7.

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MAGNIFICENT GIFT BY IMPERIAL FAMILY.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 7.

Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Dowager Yu Lung, and T.T.H. Princes Tao and Tsun, being greatly concerned at the news from the stricken plague districts, have come forward with a magnificent offer of assistance.

Her Majesty will devote from her private purse a sum of no less than Tls. 100,000, while the two Princes, who are brothers of the Regent, will give Tls. 60,000 each, the monies to be devoted to sanitary measures.

AMERICAN EXPERT WANTED.

A cablegram has been received by the Governor General of the Philippines from the state department at Washington which says that the Imperial Chinese government has requested through the Washington authorities that a medical expert be sent from the Philippines to China for the purpose of advising them in their work against the plague which is now spreading rapidly in the northern part of that country.

Secretary Worcester has sent a cable in which he suggests that Dr. R. P. Strong of the bureau of science be sent as the representative. It has not been decided as yet who will be sent. Dr. Strong is needed badly here at the present time.

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THE PLAGUE.

CONDITIONS AT HARBIN.

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THE SHANGHAI RUBBER SENSATION.

CRAIG GETS FOUR MONTHS.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Feb. 6, 2.25 p.m.

The sensational case in connection with the frauds in the dealing of the Siak Indrapoora Rubber Concession, reached its culmination to-day, when H. J. Craig, the head of the firm of Messrs. Craig & Company and a member of the Municipal Council, came before the British Chief Justice, Sir Haviland Samsom, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

He pleaded guilty. Sentences of four months' imprisonment in the second division was passed.

This is equivalent to punishment as a first-class misdemeanant.

The charge against Craig reads as follows:—That, on or about March 16, 1910, did conspire with one William Pitts and on divers dates between the last mentioned day and May 16, 1910, unlawfully, fraudulently and deceitfully, did amongst yourselves conspire, combine, confederate and agree together, and with divers other persons whose names are unknown to the complainant (the Crown Advocate) by divers false pretences unlawful and subtle ways and means stratagems and devices to obtain and acquire to yourselves and from the Siak Indrapoora Rubber Concession, Ltd., divers large sums of money and certificates of the said company, and to cheat and defraud the said company thereof.

It was alleged that Mr. Craig conspired with Mr. Pitts in so far that he and Mr. Pitts agreed to send to one Nijhuis, in Singapore, a telegram in which they requested him to wire to Craig & Co. in Shanghai, certain particulars with reference to an estate, but that telegram was not to bear the name Nijhuis but the name of a man called Francon, who was supposed to be the nominee of Messrs. Burkinshaw and Donaldson, attorneys of Singapore, and employed by them for

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NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

A REPORT FROM JAPAN.

Tokio, Feb. 3.—The number of victims of the plague in Manchuria, according to information so far received, has been 800 (2) including three Japanese, seven Koreans and 150 Chinese, in the South Manchuria Railway Zone.

One Japanese quarantine doctor and his wife died at Hsiamintan. There have been 370 sufferers so far at Changchun, all of whom have died.

Many doctors in Manchuria assert that infected rats have not been found, but Dr. Kitazato of Tokio declares that the plague in Manchuria is similar to the Black Death in Europe in the fourteenth century, which caused the death of millions in a few months.

In view of the hopeless sanitary conditions in China the Japanese authorities are taking increasingly strict precautions.

[The Dr. Kitazato mentioned in this message is President of the Japanese Medical Society. In conjunction with Dr. Aoyama he discovered the germ of plague, and has world-wide celebrity as a bacteriologist. Dr. Kitazato was decorated by the German Emperor in 1909.]

Peking, Feb. 2.—A gratifying reduction in the epidemic of plague is reported to-day south of the Great Wall. The position in Manchuria is unchanged.

Tsinanfu, Feb. 2.—No plague cases have been reported in Tsinanfu. The nearest authenticated cases have occurred about fifty miles away.

Reliable news from Chinese sources is to the effect that there have been cases about thirty miles east of this city.

The Governor, H.E. Sun Paoh-chi, is most earnest in enforcing preventive measures. Two quarantine stations have been established at the Yellow River, and isolation and detention hospitals have been prepared outside the east suburb.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

London, Feb. 6th, 8.30 p.m.

The opening of Parliament by King George was a most brilliant affair.

Thousands lined the route, and Their Majesties were accorded a most enthusiastic reception everywhere.

The King's speech was rather disappointing, being of an ordinary character.

A GREAT OFFICIAL.

TSANG CHI GOING TO MANCHURIA.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 6.

It is reported that His Excellency Tsang Chi, ex-Tartar General of Canton, where he showed conspicuous ability, is to be appointed Viceroy of Manchuria in place of Hsi Liang.

The Prince Regent has a very high opinion of the abilities of Prince Chun, son of Prince Ching, and it is reported he will reward him with a high post on the Prince's return from the coronation of King George V.

YUNNAN FRONTIER.

STRONG PROTEST LODGED BY WAIWUPU.

["Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 6.

The Waiwupu has lodged a strong protest with the British Minister in connection with the presence of British troops in Yunnan.

No satisfactory reply has been received.

Telegrams.

CHINESE APPOINTMENTS.

["Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 7.

The Grand Council intends to appoint Chiu Ye Shun in succession to Hsi Liang, of the Three Eastern Provinces, and Tsang Chi as Viceroy of Szechuan.

KING'S NAVAL AIDE-DE-CAMP.

ADMIRAL BEAUMONT HONOUR.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent.]

London, Feb. 7, 9.20 p.m.

It is notified that Admiral Lewis Beaumont is succeeding Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Arbuthnot Fisher, as chief naval aide-de-camp to His Majesty the King.

THE CHINESE POSTAL SERVICE.

INVESTIGATORS TO VISIT JAPAN.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 7.

The Ministry of Posts and Communications has decided to depute Chang Hui-chu to Japan for the purpose of investigating the postal affairs in that country before transferring the postal rights in China to the Ministry of Posts and Communications from the Customs.

KOREAN ROYALTY.

HONOURED BY JAPAN.

["Independent News" Agency.]

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

Prince Li, ex-king of Korea, has been granted the rank of General in the Army (honorary).

Other members of the Royal family have also had honours bestowed upon them, corresponding to the positions they held in Korea.

TROOPS IN YUNNAN.

WAIWUPU WANTS LATEST NEWS.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 7.

The Waiwupu has telegraphed to Viceroy Li of Yunnan, inquiring for the latest news of the frontier question, and instructing the Viceroy to reply immediately.

CHINESE PRINCE ATTACKED.

BY AN OPIUM SLAVE.

["Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 7.

A certain eunuch who was forced to give up his opium habit by Prince Kung (the commissioner for the suppression of opium), has attempted the latter's life.

Prince Kung was severely wounded.

THE PLAGUE.

DIMINISHING IN THE THREE PROVINCES.

["Shun Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 7.

Viceroy Hsi Liang, of the Three Eastern Provinces, has memorialized the Throne, stating that the plague in his provinces is diminishing. He begs for the resumption of traffic on the Feng Ting Railway, for the convenience of the public.

Telegrams.

SHANGHAI DISCUSSES
THE PLAGUE.MERCHANTS TAKE PRE-
VENTIVE MEASURES.

["Shat Po" Service.]
Shanghai, Feb. 7.
A meeting of the merchants and gentry was held on the 6th inst. for the discussion of the preventive measures which were deemed necessary to take against an outbreak of plague in Shanghai.

JAPANESE EXPERTS

PROCEED TO MANCHURIA.

["Independent News" Agency].
Tokyo, February 8th.
Prof. S. Kitazato and Mr. J. Egi, Secretary of the Colonial Bureau, have been instructed by the Government to start immediately for Manchuria.

Their mission is to investigate the real state of affairs in regard to the outbreak of the plague, and to suggest to the authorities the best measures to be taken for its suppression.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF EARL CAWDORE.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent].
London, Feb. 8, 8.30 p.m.
Earl Cawdor is dead.

PEKING RUMOUR.

PRINCE KUNG DISAPPEARS.

["Shuewa Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 8.
As Prince Kung has not been seen for the last ten days, the rumour is being circulated that his life has either been attempted, or he has been detained in the Palace on account of important State affairs.

THE THREE PROVINCES.

A VICEROY'S MEMORIAL.

["Shuewa Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 8.
Viceroy Chin Ye Shun, of Szechuan, has repeatedly memorialized the Throne for the retention of Hsi Liang as Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces, and urged the authorities to make no other changes.

Professor Piper, of the United States, has left Hongkong for Manila. He has been sent out to the Philippines by the Department of Agriculture in Washington to study the grasses in the islands, with a view to improving the forage for the ponies and horses there. He is a well-known expert on grains and grasses. He visited the Dairy Farm at Pokfulam and marvelled at what had been done there on the ground at their disposal.

CANADA AND ENGLAND.
RECIPROCITY WITH THE
STATES.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent].
London, Feb. 8, 8.30 p.m.
The Canadian Finance Minister has cabled to the Government in London stating that the reciprocity which has been arranged between America and that country does not affect the commercial relations existing between the Dominion and England.

THE FRONTIER
QUESTION.EARLY SETTLEMENT
DESIRED.

["Shat Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 8.
Viceroy Li of Yunnan has telegraphed to the Waiyupu for the early settlement of the frontier question.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 8.
The Waiyupu has repeatedly conferred with the British Minister in Peking regarding the Yunnan frontier question, but no decision of any kind has been come to.

Telegrams.

CHINESE SQUADRON.
TO VISIT MALAY STATES.

["Shat Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 8.
Prince Tsun has decided to despatch a squadron of Chinese cruisers on a visit to Borneo and the Malay States.

GOVERNOR OF MALTA.

MAJOR CLAUSON
APPOINTED.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent].
London, Feb. 8, 8.30 p.m.
Major Clauson has been appointed Governor of Malta.

RUSSIA'S FORWARD
MOVEMENT.TROUBLE EXPECTED IN
MONGOLIA.

["Shat Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 8th.
The Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg has reported by cable to Peking that the Russian Government is about to inaugurate a forward policy in Mongolia. He states that this is contemplated with a view to counteracting the influence now wielded by the Japanese in Southern Manchuria.

VICEROY IMPEACHED.

FOR LACK OF ENERGY.

["Shat Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 8.
A certain censor has impeached the Viceroy of Fukien and Chekiang for his lack of energy in introducing constitutional reforms.

CHINA'S PRESS LAWS.

["Shat Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 8.
Prince Ching strongly recommends that the Press laws in China should be strictly enforced.

SCULLING CHAMPION-
SHIP.BARRY TO ROW ON THE
THAMES.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent].
London, Feb. 8, 8.30 p.m.
Barry is to be pitted against Albany on the Thames for the sculling championship of the world.

THE PLAGUE.

LATEST REPORTS FROM
THE NORTH.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent].
Tientsin, Feb. 8, 11 p.m.
The latest reports are still of an alarming character. At Changchun the average number of deaths was 75, but since the new year this has been increased to 240.

On Monday the authorities, fortunately, were able to overcome native aversion to cremation, and the result was that to-day immense pyres were made and 800 bodies were destroyed outside the city wall.

This was imperative owing to the fact that 40 out of the 90 grave-diggers available had succumbed at Changchun.

The physicians report that the disease is of a superlatively septicemic character, death often occurring within four hours.

At Yungpingfu 10 further deaths are reported, and at Fengtai one. At the golf village, Tientsin, 8 deaths have taken place, one the German Concession one, whilst the total in the native city up to date is 43.

BURNING OF HOUSES.

CONSUL IN TIENSIN
ADVOCATES IT.

["Shat Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 8.
The Austrian Consul in Tientsin proposes to have the houses in the Austrian concession, which have been found infected with plague, burned.

The Chinese Diplomatic Commissioner, however, strongly protests against the proposal.

Telegrams.

TREMENDOUS LOSS ON
THE RAILWAY.EFFORTS MADE TO
RESUME TRAFFIC.

["Shuewa Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 9.
The stoppage of all traffic on the Feng Ting Railway, on account of the plague in Manchuria, has resulted in a loss of over 2,000,000 taels.

The Yunchuanpu has approached the Waiyupu asking the different foreign ministers in Peking to approve of the resumption of traffic on the Feng Ting railway, but no reply has been received.

The Mortality.

Harbin reports 101 deaths from Plague on Jan. 18-20 inclusive, with a total of 534 since Nov. 8. Fuchai reports 435 deaths on Jan. 18-20 inclusive, with a total of 2238 since Nov. 8. The Harbin death roll includes 13 Europeans. All known cases have been fatal except one.

The Situation at Chefoo.

The Chefoo "Morning Post" of Jan. 28 writes:

No one who attended the meeting at the Beach Hotel on Thursday evening and heard the statement of Dr. Gulowson can fail to have been impressed with the serious condition of things at Chefoo. The Doctor's report, which was brief, was to the point. The outlook is bad, so bad that Doctor Gulowson said if things went on as at present dead men would be lying in numbers around the streets. The plague is in the port and badly in too. According to the estimate contained in the statement presented, there have been fifty deaths—fifty at least. These are what they have been able to trace, but it does not give us by any means an accurate total of the number of victims that have succumbed to the awful epidemic.

Numbers according to the notices have passed away that the authorities have not been informed of. This is the state of affairs to-day in Chefoo and what is being done. At the meeting Dr. Gulowson strongly advised the appointment of a Committee, to work with the International Committee, to thoroughly and effectively supervise arrangements for the carrying off of sick men, the posting of policemen to keep out of the Settlement all undesirable and the overhauling, etc., of rickshaws. The selection of the members to form this committee was left to Dr. Gulowson. The assistance of at least one other fully-qualified medical man—a foreigner—was needed at once and in order to supply that it was necessary to guarantee as his salary £15,000 a month. It was announced that Peking had been wired to for assistance, but too much reliance it was stated must not be placed upon that. This we feel is very unsatisfactory. As we have said before it is the duty—the absolute duty—of the Government to take this matter in hand. It's all very well to appeal to a lot of generous foreigners but the Government must show in some practical manner that they realise the situation. We were informed that now the Taotai realises it, quite time too. It has taken him several days to grasp a state of affairs that he ought to have taken steps to have dealt with in as many hours. And herein lies the danger—that the Chinese authorities cannot at present be fully depended upon. Dr. Hills stated that unless all approaches to the city were strictly and safely guarded we might just as well sit down and do nothing. While not agreeing altogether with this we feel there is a good deal of truth in it. Our own port Doctor told us of a case where he himself in attempting to carry out his duty was duped by the natives. There are it is true difficulties to be contended with, but those would be very much simplified if the Taotai would adopt drastic measures. What are his medicine men doing and how much do they understand of the symptoms of plague? If he would only turn his soldiers out and see that the unaffected parts are properly guarded, that cases of plague are taken to the hospital and

that the qualified authorities, Dr. Gulowson and his assistants, are faithfully supported in their endeavours we should be more hopeful. "Wife and children," said Dr. Gulowson, "should be sent away at once." The gravity of the situation can be gauged at once from this order.

"THE RESPONSE TO THE
APPEAL FOR FUNDS"

That our foreign residents are determined to do their best to keep the Settlement clear of all infection is very evident. The quick response to the appeal for financial assistance must have been gratifying to Dr. Gulowson and leaves no doubt in his mind as to the determination of our residents to give him their whole-hearted support in his endeavours to keep section VI thoroughly free from the plague. Without foreign community there is no hesitation. We realise the awful danger and the necessity for prompt and decisive action. No expense will be spared and no sacrifice will be too great to keep from our immediate quarter the most terrible epidemic that a city can be afflicted with. Foreign residents of Chefoo to-day are face to face with a grave and serious situation. The most serious that we have had to face for years. We shall face it like men. What the immediate future may have in store for us we know not at present, but the quick, hearty and generous response to the appeal for funds to combat the epidemic proves the determination of our foreign residents and of the Chinese too who understand the situation to do their duty and more by Chefoo.

PRECAUTIONS AT
TSINGTAU.

According to a report from Dairen, wire entanglements were placed on the hills behind Tsingtau on Saturday (Jan. 28) and sentries posted in order to prevent persons entering the German leased port from plague-infected districts. Search lights are being used at night and parks are prohibited from entering the harbour. The German residents at Chefoo were withdrawn on Thursday night, but they will be isolated for ten days before being allowed to enter Tsingtau.

CHINESE DIPLOMATS.
DELIBERATE AT TANG
LING.

["Shuewa Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 8.
Viceroy Chin Ye Shun, of Szechuan, left for Peking on the 5th inst.

He will break his journey at Tang Ling in order to hold a consultation with Siu Ching and Chang Yun Chun on State affairs.

ENERGETIC VICEROY.

SNUBS OFFICIALS FOR
LEAVING POSTS.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent].

Canton, Feb. 9.
Since the Canton Viceroy took up his seals of office, His Excellency has been very energetic in the discharge of his duty.

Some days ago, the Taotai for Shiu Hing sub prefecture and Lo Ting prefecture and the prefect for Shiu Hing came to Canton. When they were presented to the Viceroy, His Excellency asked what business of importance had brought them together at the same time, and the Taotai and the prefect replied that they wished only to give their yearly greetings to the Viceroy.

The Viceroy was much displeased and told his two juniors that New Year's greeting was only a matter of form, and that it was not advisable for a taotai and a prefect to leave their posts from the same place together, as their absence would certainly be greatly missed in case of trouble occurring.

His Excellency advised the two officials to return to their posts at once, which advice they acted on promptly.

CANTON BANKS.

MUST REPORT EXTENT
OF RESOURCES.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent].

Canton, Feb. 9.
Instructions have been issued to all the Banks here with a view to relieving the financial situation.

The Ministry of Finance has telegraphed to the Canton Viceroy in the course of which it is pointed out that in view of the financial condition of the country and the disorganisation of the money market so easily brought about by the failure of banks, an investigation into the number of the banks, their capital and their financial position generally is most important and immediately necessary.

All the Banks in Canton will be required therefore to send in a report of their condition to the Provincial Treasurer, who will send deputies to determine whether their reports are correct.

It is hoped by this means to prevent dishonest merchants absconding, and thus upset the money market.

TROUBLESOME VISITOR.

FRENCHMAN TO BE AR-
RESTED IN INTERIOR.

["The Telegraph" Correspondent].

Canton, Feb. 9.
The Taotai for Lien Chow has reported to the Canton Viceroy that a French traveller has been causing a lot of trouble to the people of Ling Shan district of the Lien prefecture.

The foreigner is alleged to have fired on many peaceful villagers. He has now left the boundary of Lien prefecture and is on his way to Kwong Siang. The Taotai begs His Excellency for permission to telegraph to the authorities at Kwong Si to have the French tourist arrested in accordance with treaty stipulations and His Excellency has instructed the Governor of Kwong Si to order the Lung Chow Customs officials to have the Frenchman arrested.

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THE PLAGUE.

GENERAL SITUATION
BETTER.

["Shuewa Po" Service.]

Tientsin, Feb. 10, 11.35 p.m.
The general situation in the plague-stricken area is very much better, especially in Chihli, where no further cases have been reported.

The doctors at Harbin state that the plague bacillus is being attenuated, and there are signs that it is losing power to spread contagion.

The death rates reported yesterday support this view, only 8 persons dying in the Russian town and 105 in the Chinese city. Last week the figures were 40 and 165, all of whom died. One case of bubonic plague is reported. The victim was a Russian.

HUGE HOLOCAUST.
Nearly 4,000 bodies were burnt last week at Harbin.

The doctors believe that the danger of a further spread of the disease has been greatly minimised by the precautions taken.

A BIG DEATH ROLL.
IN THE THREE EASTERN
PROVINCES.

["Shuewa Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 9.
Over 7,000 people have succumbed to the plague in the Three Eastern Provinces.

CHINESE OFFICIAL
ACTIVITY.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES
ADVOCATED.

["Shuewa Po" Service.]
Peking, Feb. 9.
Viceroy Hsi Liang has asked permission to raise a loan of 300,000 taels from the Tui Ching and the Communications Banks to

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defray the cost of the preventive measures which are deemed necessary to be taken against the outbreak of plague in the Three Eastern Provinces.

Both the Yunchuanpu and the Tuchiupu have consented to the proposal.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC
STOPPED.GREAT LOSS TO THE
CHINESE.

["Shuewa Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 9.
The Feng Ting Railway having stopped running trains on their lines owing to the plague in Manchuria, very heavy losses have been incurred through the suspension of operations.

On the other hand the Eastern China and the Southern Manchuria Railways have not failed to carry on the traffic, and as a result the Yunchuanpu has approached the Waiyupu asking the different Foreign Ministers in Peking to approve of the immediate resumption of traffic on the Feng Ting Railway.

IMPERIAL GIFT.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Peking, Feb. 9.
Her Majesty the Empress Dowager has determined to add to her already large gift of Tls. 100,000, to be devoted to plague preventive measures, a further gift of Tls. 20,000.

STORMS RAGING.

["Shat Po" Service.]

Fengtien, Feb. 9.
Furious snow storms are raging over the neighbourhood. It is believed that they will do much to stop the plague.

Anxiety in Peking.

One hears of old conservative officials replying, when asked to sanction the engagement of numerous foreign doctors: "Bring out your medical students. This is a good opportunity to test the value of your foreign medical training."

We had quite an exodus on Tuesday, says the Peking Correspondent of the "N.C.D. News." Many people having business in the South hurried away a little earlier, perhaps, than they had intended: for there appeared a probability of the railways being suspended as well as of quarantine being instituted at southern ports, as the disease is slowly stalking southward. It may now be well on its way towards Hankow. Chefoo is attacked severely, according to the latest reports, and there are cases at several points on the Tientsin-Pukow railway line. Doctors are of opinion that the warmer climates will give a much better chance of coping with this form of plague, but it is stated by a medical officer who was in Hongkong in the epidemic of 1894 that thirty per cent. of the cases there were pneumonic, the remainder bubonic. One thing is certain, however, that very little is known about this form of plague. Many doctors believe that it will disappear as the warmer weather sets in and that next winter will bring a virulent epidemic beginning at all places that have been visited by the disease this year. Greater importance would thus attach to the proposed scientific expedition mentioned in Reuter's telegrams than the interests of abstract science.

The Diplomatic Corps has postponed the proposed closing of the Legation quarter until after the 29th instant; and it is not certain that it will be isolated at all. Legations are taking independent action in regard to their own people. Members of the British and German Legations have all been inoculated and the Military Officers of those two

measures.

Powers have ceased to visit the Club. The gates of the British and Austro-Hungarian Legations have been closed for some days, but persons on business find no difficulty in gaining admission. Indeed, all the Legations have instituted precautions of one kind or another. Certain foreigners living outside the area have been warned that they should come inside or leave Peking, others have received no notification whatever. The Japanese, of whom there are upwards of 800 distributed throughout the city, have formed an Association including in its committee four doctors, and workable regulations for the safety and convenience of its members have been drawn up. In this respect they have set a splendid example to other foreigners; for if the Legation area does close its gates, some 300 of us will be thrown entirely upon our own individual resources, while exclusion from the quarter will add materially to our inconvenience.

The situation has robbed Peking of much of its gaiety without compensation on the side of economy.

From Chinese Sources.

A telegraphic memorandum from the Shantung Governor reports to the Throne that in obedience to Imperial orders, he has made investigations into the plague disease which is spreading around Chefoo, and he has, as a precaution, stopped communications beyond Weichuan.

The plague has again been virulent outside Shangkaiwan, a certain family composed of fifteen persons, all died. More than 2,000 coolies banded themselves together and tried to force an entry at the barrier, but they were repulsed by the troops.

For fear of the plague spreading southward, the Governors of Honan and Shantung have decided to establish plague hospitals and quarantine stations along the south bank of the Huangho.

Owing to the plague in Manchuria, international questions have been extremely difficult to deal with, and there is a report that the Kirin Governor is desirous of retiring from office.

There have been heavy falls of snow in Peking, and the plague seems to have been checked, as no fresh case has been reported for several days.

The South Manchuria Railway Co. has established seven large hospitals for plague patients; each with a capacity of holding 500 persons. Some barrack buildings have also been lent to the Chinese authorities for use as examination houses.

The Diplomatic Corps has addressed a note to the Ministry of the Interior asking for the prohibition of theatrical exhibitions as a preventive measure against contagion.

The Grand Council and the Ministry of Posts and Communications have held a consultation together with a view to stop the southward traffic on the Peking Hankow Railway line.

A Mukden telegram says that although trains of the South Manchuria Railway are running, no poor Chinese are allowed to travel on them.

Twenty-four doctors have been despatched by the Japanese Government to South Manchuria for plague work; fifteen medical graduates were sent by Viceroy Chen Kuai-lung to Fengtien for a similar purpose.

The daily return of the deaths from plague in Harbin and Vladivostok is said to amount to about 500.

Viceroy Hsi Liang has telegraphed to Canton for experts who understand the plague and who are urgently needed at Fengtien. Handsome pay is promised to all those who will proceed there to render assistance. The Viceroy has removed Messrs. Li Shu-chun and Yu Hsin-Sze from office on account of their procrastination in starting plague preventive measures.

SUPREME COURT.

APPEAL CASE.

At the Supreme Court, before the full Court this morning the appeal case of Ng Tek Tong v. Wong Cheong Cho came on for hearing.

Mr. M. W. Shad, K.C., instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Neelham, represented the respondent.

Mr. Shad, addressing the Court for the appellant, said that the case came on in September last, when the point that his Lordship required to be decided was whether the appellant was entitled to the profits of a business made in the firm in which he was a partner, and drew the profits of the firm, did that fact constitute the executor or the beneficiary of the profits in the firm. When the Court decided that there was an express partnership, his Lordship held that on the facts of the case there was a partnership. It would be remembered that in the trial there was no proof of a partnership having existed at all. The action was brought for \$10,000 and there was a reference to the Registrar who found that the deceased had \$10,000 in the firm but with the materials they before him the Registrar was not able to find what profits, if any, were due to the deceased. The error in judgment, he thought, arose from too close attention being paid to the Partnership Ordinance.

There was no doubt that before the year 1880 the mere fact of a partnership made him liable to a share of the losses. If an executor allowed the deceased's money to remain in the firm he became personally liable in the firm and the beneficiaries also became liable. The principle of the decision of the Court below was principle accepted as good law at that time—1880—which was the date of the decision of the House of Lords, entirely upsetting the former reading of the law.

Now, to establish a partnership there must be shown a prima facie agreement to share profits. It was immaterial whether there was any actual capital.

A partnership was dissolved by death. The surviving partners might carry on the business with the money of the deceased partner but it did not follow that the deceased's executor was a partner. His money must be treated as a loan. The facts of the case did not justify the finding that there was a new partnership. The old rule of law died a hard death and the latest decision of the Appeal Court said in a very plain manner that the Judge did not understand the law. On the other hand the surviving partners had no option but to go on paying the profits to the executor of the deceased partner, though the latter was not liable to losses. When money was left in a firm it would be at the option of the executor of the dead partner to take the profit or a fixed interest. What the Court, however, had to find was that there had been a new agreement by which the deceased was still considered a partner.

PHILIPPINES, ERUPTION.

The present eruption of Mount Taal, says a Manila paper, threatens to rank with the greatest volcanic disasters of history, for it is quite possible that it may continue with more or less violence for some months to come.

About five hundred lives have been lost, several towns wiped out by tidal waves and showers of mud, and hundreds of thousands of pesos worth of growing crops destroyed.

MANILA CARNIVAL.

Hongkong Hotels Full of Visitors.

The stream of visitors to the Manila Carnival has already reached Hongkong.

Every hotel in the Colony is crowded, the demand on space being so great that reading rooms in one establishment have been converted into bedrooms.

The majority of the visitors arrived on the S.S. Mongolia,

MARINE COURT.

Before Com. G. W. Beckwith, R.N., this morning, Capt. Wm. Lightoller, of the S.S. Wrag Castle, charged three Indian seamen with neglecting and refusing without reasonable cause to join their ship on the 4th inst.

The men were sentenced to forfeit three days' pay, and sent back on board on the understanding that they were not to give further trouble.

LARCENY OF SUGAR BAGS.

A Chinaman was charged at the Magistrate's Court this morning, before Mr. E. R. Hallifax, with the larceny of 32 sugar bags from the China Sugar Refinery at East Point.

Inspector Langley prosecuted. A watchman of the refinery stated that he saw the defendant stealing things from the sugar refinery. He was on duty at the coal godown at the time and called his foks. He saw the defendant throwing the bags from the first floor of the refinery. When he blew his whistle four or five men ran away, and defendant was left behind. Witness went to the keys, and on returning he saw the defendant jumping into the harbour.

His Worship—Which floor did you see the defendant on?—First floor.

How long did it take you to get the key?—About ten minutes.

Did you keep any one on watch when you went for the key?—No.

How far were you when the defendant jumped into the harbour?—About ten yards.

What time was this?—Between 10 and 11 p.m.

Can you identify the man?—No, it was dark.

All you know is, that the defendant was picked out of the water?—No, I did not see it, my foks did.

Were you present when the defendant was arrested?—No.

Did you see any one jump into the water?—No.

Did you pick up the bags?—Yes, and took them on board the launch.

Did you pick them up from the place where they were thrown?—Yes.

Do you know the man?—No.

Si Kai, head watchman of the Sugar Refinery, was next called and said that on Saturday last, at 10.30 p.m., he heard a whistle. He heard a watchman calling out "Steal thing." Witness then walked to the place where the bags were, and saw a man there. He was the defendant, who had no chance to escape, so he latter jumped into the water. When he saw the defendant jumping he blew his whistle, and a police launch arrived and defendant was arrested.

His Worship discharged the defendant.

As the defendant left the court room he was re-arrested, and charged with being a rogue and vagabond. Case remanded.

WORLD'S NEWS.

[From "N.O. DAILY NEWS"]

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING.

London, February 1.—The "Daily Mail" says that as California has made her own bargain with the United States, following upon the defeat of Mr. Chamberlain's policy at three elections, the United States must make up their minds to face the fact that Imperial Preference is no longer possible.

BRUSSELS AND THE VATICAN.

London, Jan. 31.—Despatches from Berlin state that the relations between Prussia and the Vatican are greatly strained.

The Prussian Minister to the Vatican, Dr. von Mullberg, at a luncheon in Rome on the occasion of the German Emperor's birthday, declared that the religious peace of Germany appeared to be threatened by the attitude of the Vatican.

The trouble appears to be due to the election of an anti-modernist oath from the clergy. At the instance of Prussia the Vatican exempted the Catholic University Professors of Theology, but the Pope has since sent a letter to the Archbishop of Cologne expressing the hope that those allowed to dispense with the oath would be the first to take it, in order to prove their manly character.

This letter has exasperated the Protestant Press.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

London, Jan. 30.—The Duke of Connaught will assume office as Governor-General of Canada for two years, subject to an extension.

CHIEF DETECTIVE INSPECTOR J. W. HANSON. GETS THE KING'S POLICE MEDAL.

It is with very much pleasure that we note that among the New Year honours awarded by the King is the conferring of the much coveted Police Medal upon our popular and energetic Head of the Detective Department of Hongkong, Mr. J. W. Hanson, Chief Detective Inspector.

Mr. Hanson joined the service in 1874. In the year previous he had gone to sea in a sailing ship which sailed from London (St. Catherine's Dock), for the Far East by way of the Cape of Good Hope, to China. On the voyage to this China Coast the vessel underwent very severe weather conditions and got into a typhoon off the Fratas Islands. She was dismasted and very narrowly missed being totally wrecked. The vessel only escaped destruction by being able to anchor just in time to swing clear of the reef. After the storm had passed away, the vessel sailed to Hongkong under jury masts and was laid up here for some time. While the boat was in Harbour, Mr. Hanson, who was then only 17 years of age, applied to the Head of the Police, Mr. Dunn, for admission to the Force. He was taken on, and over the years he has served faithfully in all the Police Department in various grades of rank. But for the fact of the vessel being laid up in Hongkong, the Colony would never have acquired the services of Mr. Hanson, who has in the course of his career proved himself to be one of the most capable officers who ever have helped to administer the Police regulations in Hongkong. At the time Mr. Hanson joined the Force, Kowloon was nothing but a sandy beach from Hui-chuan to San-shui, and there was no building except some native huts and a Police Station known as the "Old Castle."

which first, of course, been cleared away since then to make way for the new Police Station which now stands prominently at Tsim-shui-tai. There was then no regular ferry service to Kowloon, and it was not until some years afterwards that Mr. Dorabjee started a ferry service by launches running between the present Police Pier and the city of Victoria.

In the early part of his service in the Police Mr. Hanson underwent very many vicissitudes of fortune. While he was in the Water Police it was his ill luck to be kept patrolling the Harbour for one night when a very severe wind was blowing. At that time there were no Police steam launches, the boats used for Harbour patrolling purposes being gigs. It was in one of these that Mr. Hanson was out in a night of November with five of a Chinese crew, with two sails up, when owing to the carelessness of the steersman the boat overturned and all the crew were thrown into the water. Mr. Hanson helped to get the Chinese on to the keel of the overturned gig and then swam for Stonecutter's Island, telling the Chinese to wait until he returned. He had to swim a very long distance before making the land as the accident had happened halfway between Hongkong and Stonecutters but he contrived to get their much exhausted and without a stitch of clothing on his body.

Mr. Rowe was then in charge of the gunpowder bulk at Stonecutters and together—once Mr. Hanson had been clothed—they went out to the assistance of the Chinese Police crew who had been left on the overturned gig. All five were rescued and brought safe to the Police Station. As a result of the exposure which Mr. Hanson had undergone, he suffered from a severe attack of pleurisy and very narrowly escaped losing his life. Dr. Ayres attended him in his illness.

ATTACKED BY A ROBBER.

In 1882, while walking along the Peak Road in plain clothes about half-past nine o'clock at night, Mr. Hanson was attacked from behind by a Chinese highwayman who struck him a heavy blow on the head with the limb of a fir tree, the mark of which he carries to this day. On that occasion, his life was undoubtedly saved by the warn-

ing bark of a little dog accompanying him and belonging to the late Inspector Mulhollon. Mr. Hanson, however, managed to overpower his assailant after a severe struggle and after his trial at the Criminal Sessions the robber was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude. It was proved that he had been seen in the same vicinity during the day, and he undoubtedly was lying in wait for unsuspecting pedestrians.

In February, 1895, after four years' service at Yau-mat, Mr. Hanson contracted enteric fever and just managed to pull through his illness by the skill of the doctors at the Government Civil Hospital. In the same year, when trouble occurred with the cargo boats frequenting the Harbour over the Government's decision that every member of the crews must be photographed, Mr. Hanson was in charge of the Water Police. The junks all cleared out to San-shui and in consequence a great deal of heavy work devolved upon the Water Police. In this work he was ably assisted by Sergeant (now Inspector) W. Withers. In 1890, when stationed at Shau-ki-wan, Mr. Hanson had another

NARROW ESCAPE

from losing his life. Acting on information, he had seized two boats, whose crews were said to have arranged to rob the house of a high status officer. A Kung Ngan, in the village. The boats were found to be well stocked with arms and ammunition as well as with other implements convenient for a house-breaking raid. The crews were arrested and locked up in two different cells at the Police Station, whilst Mr. Hanson proceeded in pursuit of a third boat which was said to be implicated in the affair. This boat, however, escaped. On returning to the station, Mr. Hanson proceeded to lay the charges against the prisoners in the first cell. He went next to the second cell, but upon opening the door he was met by a

REVOLVER SHOT

which struck him on the middle finger of the left hand. In the confusion, the five prisoners in the cell escaped. One jumped into the Harbour and was captured by the Water Police. Another was found hiding underneath a hamper. The others were also captured with the exception of one, who is believed to be the man who fired the shot. It is supposed that the loaded weapon must have been passed through the bars of the cell window by a confederate.

At the time of the taking over of the New Territory in 1899, Mr. Hanson worked with Sir Henry (then Mr.) May investigating what were then notorious as the Un Long murders; two Chinese having been killed by their compatriots for the alleged reason that they had shown favour to the British in connection with

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of the New Territory during the negotiations carried on by Sir Stewart (then Mr.) Lockhart. On that occasion the murder was brought home to the criminals and they were sentenced to death at the Criminal Sessions and hanged. The bodies of the two murdered men were unearthed in a muddy creek and identified. It transpired at the trial that a meeting of certain inhabitants of the district had been held in a house in the neighbourhood and that it had been there resolved that the two men in question should be assassinated for the sympathy that they had shown with the British in acquiring the New Territory.

Among the many important cases which have occurred during Mr. Hanson's service in the Hongkong Police was the notorious Gage Street murder in 1901, when a school master, Young Ku-Wan, was assassinated by emissaries, it alleged, from Canton, the school master being a noted reformer.

Another very important case which came under the special notice of Mr. Hanson was that of

ADSETTS MURDER,

the remembrance of which will be still fresh in the public memory. The murder was committed in the Hongkong Hotel, Adsetts not only killing the woman with whom he cohabited but cutting up the body and packing it in a trunk which he afterwards took on board the S.S. Montangle and left there,

On the voyage northward the contents of the trunk were ascertained by the officers of the ship. Not long afterwards, Adsetts (who meanwhile had sailed by another ship) was arrested at Chefoo, and after trial in Hongkong he was hanged.

During his long service in Hongkong, Mr. Hanson has served under various Captains Superintendent of the Police, including Mr. Deane, General Gordon, Sir Henry May and Mr. F. J. Baderley. In 1897, Mr. Hanson was appointed Chief Detective Inspector, a newly created post, and in that capacity he has served ever since. Previous to that he had been Inspector in charge of the Water Police.

He holds a first-class Police Medal and also a special medal services rendered during the terrible plague epidemic of 1894.

Mr. Hanson was married in March, 1883, and has a family of five boys and two girls. Since joining the Police Force, he has been home only twice, in 1885 and 1902. He was born in New Orleans, United States. His father came out to America from Denmark and his mother from Ireland. Both his parents are now dead. Mr. Hanson had at one time a brother in the Hongkong Police Force, Mr. George Hanson, who after six years' service went on leave to his home in America and has never been heard of since.

SATURDAY'S SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

The Hongkong Football Club played the Royal Engineers in their last league match in the first division. The game was a good one. The Engineers played without Pearson, which was noted for one point of their forward line. The result of the game was a draw, one goal each. The goals for the club were scored by Moon, and Brown equalised for the R.E.s. Towards the end the Engineers pressed and made several attempts to add to their score but Goggin in goal cleared the ball every time and did not give them a chance to run out winners.

NAVAL YARD vs. ROWLOCK.

This match was played on the Naval ground at Happy Valley, and resulted in an easy win for the yarders by 7 goals to 1. This was the poorest show Rowlock has made this season.

SECOND DIVISION.

B.O.C. vs. 37th CO. N.A.A.

The above match did not take place on Saturday owing to the B.O.C. team not putting in an appearance.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

POLICE vs. R. G. A.

The Police met the R.G.A. on their ground, and things looked as if the Police would score another win, but luck seemed to be against them.

The visitors went in first and compiled 73 runs only. The individual scores do not call for special mention, the best being that of Capt. Garnett—19 runs. The Police then went in and all the wickets fell for 46 runs. The best score was that of Cooper's; 17 runs. The bowling on both sides was excellent. Hoggarth and Kerr took five wickets each for the Police and for the R. G. A. Winkworth took four and Paris five wickets.

TRIANGULAR LEAGUE CONTEST.

Hongkong Cricket Club vs. Navy.

This match was played on the Cricket ground and was witnessed by a large gathering of spectators.

The first to go in was the Navy team, and they were all sent out for 116 runs. Lieut. Priestly compiled the best score 34 runs, whilst the other good scores were Rev. Howettson 19, Lieut. Ward and Sergeant Glaister 18 each.

The Club then went in and had an easy thing to do, 117 runs to win. This, of course, they did, compiling 150 runs for 9 wickets, thus winning by one wicket and 34 runs. R. Hancock and Makin were in excellent form and did good scoring. The former got out for 47 runs and the latter for 30. The next score was that of Pearce—20.

For the Club Bird took 2 wickets; Payne 2 and Sharpin and Hancock 1 each.

For the Navy Wickham was in grand form and took four wickets for 8 runs. Lieut. Noble and Mr. Almsheim took 2 each and Ward,

TRAINING NOTES.

Two Mornings' Gallops.

Happy Valley, Feb. 5.

A few ponies were seen out on the field this morning. I have "clocked" their gallops for the benefit of your sporting readers. They are as follows:—

Royal Rose (Barkill), one mile, 35-1.10, 1.45, 2.18-2.5.

Glendalough (Boy), one mile, 37, 1.13, 1.05, 2.5, 2.26.

Lucullus (Barkill), one mile, 33, 1.7, 2.5, 1.41, 2.5, 2.13, 2.5.

Mohawk (Boy), 3-4 mile, 37, 1.14, 1.51.

Buitum (Vida), 1-1-4 miles, 39, 1.18, 1.57, 1.5, 2.34, 3.04, 3.5.

Tomhawk, one mile, 35, 1.10, 1.44, 2.15, 3.5.

Feb. 6.

So far this season the Clerk of the Weather has shown his benign countenance towards the patrons of the coffee table in the Ground Stand every morning. To-day the Roses appeared to monopolise the turf, which was neglected by the representatives of all the other stables with but a very few exceptions. I give below times for the ponies that I managed to record. They are:—

Little Gem Rose (Barkill), 1-1-2 miles, last mile 2.17, last quarter 33. This is a miserable performance for the Derby winner. I have heard it whispered that Gem's trotting this training season is simply "rotten."

Spring Rose (1-1-4 miles), 2.49.

Perle d'Or Rose (Barkill), (1-1-4 miles), 2.48, 2.5, last quarter 32, 2.5.

Anora Rose (Barkill), quarter mile, 29 seconds.

Just in Spite (Boy), 1-1-4 miles, 2.50, last quarter 31.

Tarf (Gogg), 1-2 miles, 33, 3.5, 1.5.

This being the last week, it may be expected that almost every morning ponies will be out galloping. The final performances are reserved for Saturday and Sunday, and given a continuance of the present ideal weather there should be large crowds within the enclosure to witness the last efforts to lick the ponies into shape before they are finally brought to the test next week.

RIDING BOY.

Accident on the Canton River.

Junk Out in Two.

At 3.45 o'clock this morning, the C. E. & M. Co.'s steamer Kiang Ping coming from Canton to Hongkong ran into a junk at anchor off Chungking and cut the stern right off. The junk filled up and sank to her rail and the stern floated away.

Captain G. Willoughby of the Government launch Stanley went at 8.30 a.m. and saved the junk, handing her over afterwards to the Loos to launch which came out to her. Captain Willoughby then went and picked up the stern which was off Kau-I-chau Island and towed it to Kowloon Water Police basin.

GERMAN CONSULAR CHANGES.

Dr. Kruger Returning to Hongkong.

We hear that Graf G. von Rex, the German Minister at Peking, will proceed at no distant date to Europe, and it is rumoured here that his place will be taken by Dr. E. A. Vorotzsch, the popular Consul-General in Hongkong. We shall all be sorry to lose Dr. Vorotzsch, who has made a host of friends during his sojourn in the Colony, but we wish him hearty congratulations upon his well-deserved preferment.

It is said, also, that Dr. F. Kruger, who is at present German Consul at Seoul, and who was formerly in Hongkong, will replace Dr. Vorotzsch here.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

The Supreme court of Manila affirmed the sentence imposed by the lower court upon Miguel Villano, the man who imported 100 tons of opium into Cebu on the steamer Kaifong in 1908. This was one of the biggest opium captures ever recorded in the southern city, and Villano was sentenced to imprisonment for one year and two months and to pay a fine of P2,500.

S. S. MINNESOTA.

Due in Port on Monday.

The S.S. Minnesota is due here from Yokohama on Monday.

She has been in dock at the Japanese port for three weeks, having broken one tail shaft during her last voyage from America.

The accident occurred about 900 miles from Yokohama, and the vessel covered the remainder of the voyage with her second screw. Heavy weather was responsible for the catastrophe.

YACHTING.

THE HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

The 2nd Cruiser Race was held on Sunday last, when a very fine start was witnessed from the Club House.

Shortly after 9.30 the larger boats were under weigh and at first gun 9.55 all nine of the cruisers were manoeuvring for position. The wind was fairly light from the East, and all boats carried all the canvas they could pack on.

This Dalveen was one of the first to cross the starting line, but was forced about by three of the "4 Tonners" on the starboard.

It was not long before La Cigale established her usual lead, but the "4 Tonners" held to her heels much nearer than the owner liked.

A strong flood tide was running and in boating up to Lyemoon Pass the "4 Tonners" pulled up a little on La Cigale. All through the race La Cigale led the way, followed closely at Colinton Point by "Mist."

On rounding this point she increased her lead considerably in the nasty ground swell that prevailed. At D'Aguilar Point the order had not changed, La Cigale rounding first, then Mist and Dalveen in that order. The swell at D'Aguilar was far from comfortable and several members of the crews were seen looking "thoughtfully" at the rolling deep over the side.

The peculiar point about this race was that spinnakers were set at D'Aguilar and carried right round the remainder of the island to the finishing line.

The La Cigale crossed the line first but did not have time from "Mist" by 5 minutes; the order of finishing being Mist, La Cigale, Brenda, Erin, Evadne, while the Dalveen was left in such light winds. The "Yandusa" came the way she went but did not get back till after dark.

The O. Y. C. have been most unfortunate in the way of winds for their Cruiser Races, in both cases very light winds having been experienced, thus giving boats like Dalveen and Yandusa and Dorothy II. very little chance of winning.

CANTON NEWS.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Canton, Feb. 4.

Last year a flower boat in the Canton river was pirated, and two of the female crew were stabbed and thrown into the water. Afterwards the pirates took away everything they could lay their hands on, and decamped with the booty quietly. The outrage was reported to the water police, who instituted an enquiry, and they have now succeeded in arresting the criminals.

One of the accomplices took shelter in Hongkong, but was later apprehended by the Chinese officials. He was arrested and extradited to Canton.

Some days ago, at the Nam Hol Magistracy, the prisoner was tried in the presence of the British consul. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and sentence of death was then passed.

Admiral Li Chun is at present busily engaged in settling the affairs of the navy with his subordinates. After several years' service in Canton, His Excellency Admiral Li Chun will, it is reported, relinquish his command, and proceed to a new field of labour. His Excellency will exchange his post with General Lung Chi Kwong, in Kwong Si.

Before the latter's arrival to take up the new post, the Brigadier General of Ko Chow, Wong Pui Chung, will temporarily act as Commander-in-Chief of the naval forces in Canton.

Work is favourably progressing on the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, and the line has been linked up as far as Tsang Shing district. As the police protection at the stations where the work has been completed is inadequate, the officials in charge of the head office have petitioned H.E. the Canton Viceroy to despatch a company of soldiers, these to be permanently stationed in this locality. The petition has been approved by the Viceroy.

SUPREME COURT. IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

8th inst.

The Chinese partnership appeal case was again before the Full Court yesterday.

Mr. A. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis) appeared for the appellant, and Mr. E. Potter (instructed by Mr. Nordheim) for the respondent.

Mr. Potter concluded his remarks by contending that the deceased was a creditor for an unascertainable amount. There had been no payment or acknowledgment of the debt. Surviving partners in a case like this were co-debtors, and they were so within the meaning of the law and an acknowledgment by one partner does not revive the debt against the others. The Statute commenced to run from the appointment of the administrator.

Mr. Slade only replied on the question of the Statute of Limitations, which he contended ought to have been raised when the application was made for accounts. The whole question would have been estopped if the statute had been pleaded then. The executor in 1908, asked for a statement of accounts. In an affidavit sworn to by the other partner it was alleged that an account had been furnished to the plaintiff. It was now too late to bring that matter forward. A partner was the agent for the other in the business. An acknowledgment made by a duly authorized agent was as good as that made by the party himself. They had evidence that an acknowledgment had been made by one of the partners, and they heard also in evidence that an account had been taken of the assets and rendered to the family of the deceased.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

At this morning's sitting, Mr. Slade said that he could shorten the proceedings to a few minutes if the Court would give him leave to amend the pleadings by adding the words "is a partner or liable as a partner."

Mr. Potter strongly opposed any amendment of the pleadings at this stage.

Mr. Slade said that one could ask for leave to amend even if the case were before the House of Lords. Leave was always granted in order to set matters right. In this case there was a will by which the deceased left his capital in the firm and the executor carried on the business. The other partners had necessarily to treat the executor as a partner. He was liable as a partner in any way. Counsel did not think it necessary to decide the point at all. They tried him as a partner, and in his defence he said he was only a salesman to the firm. It was shown in court that he was his father's executor, took the place of his father in the firm, and carried on the business for some four years. He rendered himself a partner by the wording of the Act.

Mr. Potter said that he most strenuously opposed any amendment after judgment had been delivered. Counsel submitted that his friend felt that his case had wholly broken down on the question of proof that the defendant was a partner. He now alleged that the defendant had held out that he was a partner, and therefore was liable. The case throughout was fought on the basis of partner or no partner, and no proof had been tendered that defendant had set himself out as a partner.

Mr. Slade said that they had adduced evidence that defendant carried on the business.

Mr. Potter said that that statement had only been made by the plaintiff, but was not in evidence. There had been no evidence to support a plea of holding out. Plaintiff sought to prove that defendant was a partner, but there had been no suggestion of any holding out. The only evidence given was that he was acting as executor to his father. To support a case of holding out it would be necessary to show that his client had by word of mouth, or by his conduct, or by suffering himself to be so represented, had permitted others to believe that he was a partner.

Mr. Slade said that there was evidence that the defendant was his father's executor, was always in the shop, and carried on the business in the stead of his father.

Evidence given to prove a partnership was relevant to proving holding out.

Mr. Potter said the evidence even now could be twisted in a case of holding out, but the case was that the defendant was actually a partner. There was no evidence whatever to support the contention that the plaintiff had agreed to give the defendant credit because of his holding himself out as a partner.

Mr. Potter, continuing, said that the plaintiff alleged that he had given the defendant \$5,000 because he had signed the receipt for the money. To support a plea of holding out, two things had to be proved: (1) that defendant had allowed himself to be held out as a partner and (2) on account of such representation plaintiff had given credit. It would inflict a great injustice on the defendant if after judgment had been given, the other side was allowed to put in the pleading of holding out. Plaintiff not having proved partnership defendant was entitled to judgment at the close of the case. Counsel contended that he was entitled to a non-suit since plaintiff had not proved that defendant was a partner. By putting in now a plea of holding out plaintiff was simply trying to deprive defendant of his right of having the case closed now.

The Court was still sitting when our report closed.

BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The last two matches between the Sergeants' Mess of the K.O.Y.L. and the 88th Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, took place last night at the Soldiers' Club. Both games resulted in favour of the K.O.Y.L. men, and at the last moment they managed to defeat the 88th team by 61 points. Previous to these two games the R.G.A. were leading by over a hundred points. The total scores are as follows:—K.O.Y.L. Points 1832. 88th Co. R.G.A. Points 1768.

To-night at 7 p.m. the Hongkong Volunteer Corps team will meet the 88th Company Royal Garrison Artillery. The Volunteers were the winners of this tournament last season.

WEDDING.

One of the prettiest weddings of the winter season in London was solemnized on January 12 at All Saints, Cleveland Square, when Mr. E. Charles Crane of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, was married to Miss Winifred B. Sentance, the youngest daughter of the late William Sentance, of Bickley, Kent. After the reception, the bride and bridegroom left for a short honeymoon, to be spent in Cornwall, prior to their leaving England a few weeks later for Hongkong, where Mr. Crane has been appointed Sub-Manager of the Eastern Extension Company.

WANTED, FRANKNESS FROM JAPAN.

As Japan is still, by the admission of Marquis Katsura himself, a comparative newcomer among the nations, it would seem to be to her enduring interest to placate foreign opinion and allay suspicion when that can be done without loss of national pride or prestige. It certainly cannot be most conducive to Japan's welfare to allow sentiments of admiration and esteem to be displaced by ill-defined but very real suspicion and apprehension, says the "N. C. D. News," when by a spontaneous and definite pronouncement by her statesmen could demonstrate the lack of necessity for either.

A frank and clear-cut statement in regard to her continental policy, could, if Japan harbours no ulterior designs, do her not the slightest harm, while it would relieve China of anxiety and other countries interested in the Far East of doubt.

At the H.K.S.B. R.G.A. sports on the 11th inst., on the United Services' Recreation Ground the following race is open to the British troops in Garrison and the Royal Navy:—Roly Race: 3 men, 1st 440 yards, 2nd 220 yards, 3rd 440 yards. Time, 3 p.m.

ARMED ROBBERY BY DESPERATE CRIMINALS.

8th inst.

Last evening five armed robbers entered a house in Lee Yuen Street West.

The door was opened by one of the female inmates, who was "held up" by some of the robbers. The remainder of the band then entered the house, and took twelve bangles, worth \$1,000, and \$200 in cash.

One of the women rushed to the verandah, crying for help, but in her excitement fell over the rail, and was picked up in the street, unconscious. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where she now lies in a precarious condition.

Although the robbery occurred in the busiest centre of Hongkong, the police did not arrive on the scene for at least twenty minutes.

The robbers were armed with revolvers and clippers.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

IMPORTANT OPINION BY A JAPANESE OFFICIAL.

The new Japanese tariff, which comes into force shortly, continues to excite the keenest interest in commercial circles in the City.

Negotiations, a "Westminster Gazette" representative learns on high authority, are going on between the British and Japanese Governments, with a view to agreeing and securing some preferential treatment for certain classes of British manufactures.

Mr. Mazumichi, the Japanese Commissioner in London, who has just arrived from Japan, discussing the position with a representative, said: "I have not come to this country on the tariff question. The report made in many quarters to this effect is altogether a mistake. I am here in connexion with the Japanese Imperial bonds and other financial matters; therefore, as far as the new Tariff goes, I can only give you my personal opinion, and not one that can be regarded in any way as official."

Regarding the general situation in both countries, however, it is impossible for me to believe that the British and Japanese Governments cannot find a way to come to an arrangement that will be satisfactory to each nation alike."

CANTON NEWS.

The "Telegraph" Correspondent writes: Canton, February 6. At 9 o'clock last night, a fire broke out in a medicine shop situated in Tai Lau, south district, in Sai Kwai. The fire brigade turned out promptly, and subdued the flames. The shop was gutted.

Tsui Wong Ping Yun has, by order of His Excellency the Viceroy, been promoted to the Township of the Constabulary in Canton, and will take over the seals of office on the 8th inst.

DALAI LAMA.

Calcutta, January 18.—The "Englishman" hears that the Chinese Minister in Tibet recently sent a message to the Dalai Lama, advising him to return to Lhasa, but the Dalai Lama refused to move from Darjeeling.

SMUGGLING OPIUM.

As Loo Wan or Yoo Foon, a member of the crew of the steamer Prinz Sigismund, which is lying at the Circular Quay, says the Sydney "Evening News" of the 3rd ult., was leaving the vessel on Monday, he was searched by a Customs officer, who discovered that he had two tins of opium concealed on his person. He was taken to the Water Police Station and charged with smuggling the opium.

At the Water Police Court he was proceeded against by Customs Inspector Donohoe under section 253B of the Customs Act of 1901-10, which upon a conviction provides for direct imprisonment of not less than three months or more than two years, without the option of a fine.

The accused having pleaded guilty, the magistrate (Mr. Clarke) said he had no alternative but to send him to goal, which he did for a term of three months.

THE MAHOMEDAN MOSQUE TRUSTEES.

8th inst.

In the Supreme Court, this morning before the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. Rees Davies) instructed by Messrs. Bonny, Hastings, Gedge and Hind, in the matter of an indenture dated the 23rd Sept. 1850 relating to the Mahomedan Mosque, and in the matter of the Trustees Ordinance 1901, sections 42 and 43, said that the petition in this matter was adjourned by his Lordship some time ago in order to enable further steps to be taken by the present trustees of the Mosque, for the appointment of new trustees.

His Lordship expressed the opinion that it would be impracticable for the military to be represented in the trust. The various parties had since conferred and had arrived at a "modus vivendi" to the satisfaction of all concerned.

It was proposed to appoint six trustees representing all the sects in the Colony as follows:—The Sunni division or sect of Mahomedans who belong to the Islamic Union to nominate two persons. The section consisting of members of the Sunni division who do not belong to the Islamic Union to nominate two persons. The section consisting of members of the Shia division to nominate two persons.

At a meeting of those interested, held in the Crown Solicitor's office, A. F. Arendt was nominated, chairman of the trustees, and the following six trustees were nominated:—A. Runjeh, A. S. Abbas, A. F. Arendt, E. P. Madar, T. Motahid and E. Chandobhoy.

Counsel, continuing, said that Section 2 of the Ordinance gave the Court power to nominate trustees having regard to the fact that the death of the former trustees made it impossible for the Mahomedan community to appoint trustees without coming to Court. Counsel would formally ask the Court to make an order appointing the trustees nominated, and give leave to Counsel to submit a form of the order later on. It was also proposed to ask the Court to order in the event of any trustees dying that new ones representing all the sects be nominated in the same way. This would form part of the order.

His Lordship then gave the following judgment:—

(a) I am satisfied that it is necessary to appoint new trustees and that there is power in the Court to do so under the Trustees Ordinance, Sect. 42 and 43.

(b) That the Crown is interested as Crown Landlord and sufficiently interested in the circumstances to move by the Attorney-General.

(c) That all other parties interested have been properly represented at the preliminary meetings which have led to the motion being made.

(d) That all proper and sufficient efforts have been made to obtain their assent to the motion and

(e) That they have assented by their proper representative and there being further no fear of any protest being subsequently made I make the order as prayed.

THE BANKRUPTCY CASE.

8th inst.

Lam Cheung appeared at the Magistrate's this afternoon, before Mr. E. R. Hallifax, after a remand on a charge of alleged fraud under the Bankruptcy Ordinance.

Mr. C. Smith (from the firm of Messrs Alameda and Smith) appeared on behalf of the Official Receiver, while Mr. Reader Harris (from the firm of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) represented the defendant.

Mr. Smith asked for a further remand, as he would like to amend the charges.

Mr. Reader Harris objected to this.

His Worship—How long will the proceedings last?

Mr. Smith—Fully three afternoons.

His Worship then remanded the case till the 21st inst.

On the 28th inst. there will be a masquerade ball at the Victoria Skating Rink in Des Vaux Road. The management offer two prizes—one for the best costumed lady and another for the best dressed gentleman.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

THE KING'S SPEECH

We are among those who deplore the knocking away of the inducements to individual thrift which have done so much to build up the character of the British working classes during the past seventy-five years, and we regret that the example set by the great Friendly Societies and other organisations has been set aside by the Government in its mad desire to secure votes whereby it can remain in power. But all the same we do not believe that the British Empire will fall to pieces because the present tendency is to make the interests of all other classes subordinate to those of the proletariat. Rome we know fell because of its free distribution of bread and too lavish provision of free spectacular entertainments, but great as is the muddle we make and sadly as we decline to face first principles we are not quite in the position that Rome occupied intellectually, morally, or socially in the days of her decadence.

Daily Press.

THE SUPREME COURT.

We understand that there is great congestion of business at the Supreme Court of the Colony and that much dissatisfaction prevails among litigants regarding the impossibility of getting cases set down for hearing within reasonable time. An administrative action which engaged the attention of the Acting Chief Justice for fifty-four days, and Full Court for about a fortnight in hearing an appeal against the judgment, is no doubt largely responsible for the arrears of work, but necessity for a third judge is an old story.

South China Morning Post.

THE TRAGEDY OF THE SEA.

In its way the history of shipping, as it passes from day to day, is disclosed by the tragedies which the sea claims and the subsequent columns of casualties which are duly set out by Lloyd's annual Register of vessels, lost and condemned. Among these latter, perhaps the saddest is the simplest, for nothing is quite so tragic as the fate of the old ship which has passed its days of usefulness and gone to the yard to be broken up. In other directions we have the simple epics of the sea told by figures that barely conceal the fine spirit and supreme heroism which testify to the qualities of the men who man our ships. There are ships that have been "burnt," and the simple statement conjures up a vision of the most terrible of all the tragedies that are known to the sea. Then there are the ships that have "foundered," and, again, those that are described as "lost and missing"—ships which, in the fullest sense of the term, have passed out of human ken into the silent watches of the unknown.

INDIAN NEWS.

SLUMP IN SUGAR TRADE.

Karachi, January 18.—Kadhiboy Esmaljee Lotia and Company have suspended payment locally. Lalchand and Wabhumal, Pleaders, on behalf of Kadhiboy Esmaljee and Co., have put up a public notice on the Company's shop stating that owing to losses suffered in trade, their clients are unable to meet their liabilities in full and, therefore, have been compelled to close their business and suspend payment pending the appointment of Receivers or Trustees by the general body of creditors at the meeting to be shortly convened.

Their clients had handed their goods to them in trust for the creditors and all claims against their clients should now be laid before them.

This step has been taken to avoid cost of litigation in the interests of the creditors themselves. The failure is alleged to be due to the slump in the sugar trade. The firm was established long ago and was well known in the Punjab and Quetta.—"Advocate of India."

FINANCIAL NEWS.

SINGAPORE SHARES.

Messrs. Fraser & Co.'s circular on the 1st says:—

Very little business has been done during the week owing to the Chinese New Year holidays, but the market has been steady all round, and rubber shares, which continue to attract most attention, have shown an improvement on last week's prices. Mining shares are quiet and Industrials are in good demand, but there are few sellers at present prices.

Rubber—Allgurs have been done at 4.3, Valdors 2.4, Henwoods 5.4, Bertams 7. to 7.6 and Patallings at 59.6. New Singapore shares have changed hands at \$6, Singapore and Johore \$11.50, New Serondids \$2.15, United Singapore \$1.25, Kolemaks \$1.40, Sungai Bagans \$1.40 and Pogohs (now issue) at \$4.50 premium.

Mining.—A few Bolats have been done at \$5. There are buyers of Tokkas at \$21.75 and Tronohs at \$15.25. Bruangs are on offer at \$5.50.

General.—Straits Traders are steady at quotations. Singapore Dispensaries have been done at \$52.50. Fraser and Neaves and Cold Storages have advanced slightly and Shells are strong at 90s.

CHINESE IN AIRSHIP.

Bangkok, February 2.—The aviation meeting here opened today on the Sports Club ground and provided splendid sport.

Viet don Born made cross-country flights with great success. The flying was witnessed by the King of Siam, the royal princes and huge crowds such as have never been seen before in Bangkok.

A Chinaman who took a trip with the aviator and is the first of his nationality to fly, was decorated by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce—"Straits Times."

The "Evening News" Sydney, has a photograph of the French flag-ship, Montcalm, visiting Port Jackson.

Mr. P. Carrio will lecture on Queensland at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-morrow evening. The lecture will be illustrated by slides.

We learn from private sources that the Dr. Jackson who lost his life fighting the plague in Harbin is not a member of the well-known Shanghai firm of Drs. Jackson, Hanwell and Jackson. He was a missionary doctor in the north, and volunteered for service in the stricken area.

The "Japan Herald" reports that an interesting function was witnessed in the Yokohama United Club when a party of friends entertained Mr. F. Rittmüller, of the Deutsche-Asiatische Bank, to a farewelliffin. Covers were laid for 26 and a most enjoyableiffin was partaken of. Mr. H. D. C. Jones, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, proposed the health of Mr. Rittmüller, and wishing him success in his new position at Shanghai at the same time expressed his deep regret that circumstances compelled them to part with a man who had made a host of friends, not only amongst his own nationals, but also amongst all other nationals.

Exponents and followers of the "hoble art" will regret to learn that Bill Lewis has left the Colony.

The most successful, as well as the most popular fighter that has appeared here, boarded the s.s. Empire this afternoon for Australia. It is not likely that he will return.

To a "Telegraph" representative, Lewis said he regretted leaving Hongkong. He had had good fights here; all were conducted in the true spirit of sport. He had appeared in many "rings," but never a better than "those in the City Hall."

"I do not think I will again cross the ropes here," said Lewis, "but you have followers of the game who will give many a good fight for Hongkong audiences to enjoy."

Lewis has always fought a clean and straightforward battle, and the best wishes of boxing-men here go with him on his journey.

BILLIARDS.

A new world's record in three-cushion cannon billiards was made lately at Doyle's billiard academy, New York, by George Moore, who made a run of 15 in a handicap match with Tom Gallagher. In making this remarkable run, Moore battered a record which has stood unassailed for 25 years. Frank Peterson made a high run of 14 in St. Louis in 1885. The new record was made in the 24th inning of the match, Moore displaying remarkable skill and judgment in making his shots.

CANTON NEWS.

When the train of the Canton Railway passes through the vicinity of Shek Pai village daily, some rascals are in the habit of stoning the carriages. It is reported that many windows in the carriages have been smashed. The official in charge of the head railway bureau in Canton has reported the practice to the Pun U magistrate, and asked him to inform the gentry and the elders of the village concerned that the nuisance must cease.

The work on the Eastern section of the bund in Canton has been completed for a long time, and work on the section between Wongshe and Sui Ho Kow will soon be commenced. Considerable delay has been experienced in the construction of this new section, due to the non-settlement of the negotiations regarding several wharves for the mooring of foreign steamers. Further trouble is now being fomented here.

Some days ago the members of the Anti-Opium Society met together in connection with the New Year's greeting.

Mr. Wu Sui-rang, the Chairman, addressed the gathering at some length. In the course of his remarks, the speaker referred to the decision which had been arrived at by the Ministry of Finance, asking the Throne to fix a date for the total suppression of the opium evil, and advised his compatriots present to assist the Government in this campaign. He said that, in former years, the import of opium from India represented a value of over \$100,000,000 annually, and that the price of the drug had now increased. The consumption of opium in China meant the waste of some \$100,000,000 annually. This might be taken as a reason for the financial distress in the country. At a time of trade depression and at a period when even the hawkers found it difficult to find means of subsistence, the suppression of opium in China was rendered all the more necessary. Unless opium be totally suppressed, nothing could save China from ruin.

It was afterwards unanimously decided to hold weekly meetings every Wednesday. At the next meeting there will be a general election of investigators. The elected will be photographed, and their photos will be kept at the different police stations as a preventive against being impersonated.

Canton, Feb. 7.

So Ping Su, the Canton gambling monopolist, at present in the custody of the Canton Prefect for failing to pay up the revenues due to the Government, owns a large medicine shop in Fat Shan. The fact having come to the notice of the Canton high authorities, they sent two deputies to Fat Shan some days ago to make investigations. They returned to Canton by train yesterday, after checking the books, the accounts of the medicine shop, and taking the stock in hand.

Ever since His Excellency the Viceroy's arrival in Canton to take up his seals of office, Shum, the Commissioner of Education, made up his mind to resign. It is reported that his resignation has been accepted by the Viceroy, and that the Provincial Treasurer, Chan Kwai Lun, is determined to relinquish his post. Both the Nanihoi and Pun U Magistrates will be replaced, as they are not in favour of the Viceroy owing to their lack of energy in the capture of robbers in the places under their jurisdiction. It is expected that more official changes will certainly follow in the course of the week.

SUPREME COURT.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

7th inst.

In the appeal case, Ng Tek Tong v. Wong Cheong Cho, before the full Court, yesterday, Mr. Potter (instructed by Mr. Needham), for the respondent, said that that was really an appeal on the question of facts, and his learned friend for some reasons unknown had not touched on the facts.

Some discussion ensued, and his Lordship held that the appeal was on a point of law; for the facts of the case they would have to go back to the Court below. Mr. Potter said that he only wanted to clear his position. His case was that the partnership had been reconstructed after the death of the deceased. There was no law needed to support the judgment of the Court below. The judgment was supported by the fact that there has been an express reconstruction of the partnership. This fact could not be disputed, and such being the case there was no question of law at all. Not only had one of the partners died, but no account had yet been taken of the business, though the partnership had been reconstituted. Counsel thought the Court had also taken into consideration the letter from Messrs. Beeson, which he had put in, in evidence. The case was fought on the facts.

Mr. Slade contended that no facts had been proved in the Court below.

Mr. Potter regretted that his friend had perverted the incidents of the case. Counsel relied on the evidence taken and he had quoted it at great length in his speech in the Court below. He quoted no law in his address except on the point of estoppel. There was another point of law, which absolutely disposed of the case, and that was the Statute of Limitations. There were admitted facts on both sides and one of the admitted facts was that there had been no payment of interest made by the plaintiff to the defendant. Counsel then dealt with his friend's construction of Section 44 of the Ordinance and submitted that the cases quoted by him since the now reading of the law by the House of Lords in 1860 would not assist the Court very much. The cases in question had not been decided solely on the principle that the sharing of profits rendered a man a partner, but on the particular facts of each case. In some cases the Lords decided that the parties were not partners, and in others that they were according to the facts of the case; and in one particular case that the party in question was really a dormant partner, and had tried to shuffle out of that position. In short, the cases quoted had only been decided on their particular merits. Now it had been decided that the mere receipt of profits did not make a man a partner. What he gathered from his friend's argument was that the Court would find that these people had shared profits and on that finding the Court would have to decide that there was partnership, and, therefore, they could not recover the money as a loan. Counsel took it that his friend's main contention was that the mere sharing of profits was not enough to make a man a partner. It was significant that the cases quoted by his friend in support of that contention, with regards to sharing of profits, could not be found in Lindley. The reason was simply because those cases had nothing to do with Section 44, which had reference only to cases of dealing with other people's money. A person so trading must hand the money he was wrongly using, and in addition compensate the owner. That was the view taken by Lindley. Section 44 only dealt with cases of persons using other people's money, without consent. The hypothetical cases quoted did not come under Section 44.

Mr. Potter, continuing his argument this morning, said that he could only argue on an abstract point since the facts of the case had not been taken into consideration by the Court below. There was no question, however, that there was no answer to the claim of the executor that he was entitled to an account. There was nothing before the Court but the death of a partner leaving

money in the business. Counsel contended that the judgment given absolutely met with all the circumstances of the case, but if there were no facts before the Court as alleged, then Section 44 did not arise at all. If they took it that there were no facts before the Court, then there was nothing to argue. His contention was that Section 44 only dealt with cases in which the firm had used money belonging to a deceased partner, without the consent of his representative, either implied or expressed. The position adopted by the executor was that he left money in the firm and did nothing. The person entitled to the money allowed others to use it. It was a case of wrongful use—wrongful in the sense that no consent had been given. But it did not affect the lender at all. He was entitled to his money and to compensation. The executor said that he had received no interest at all. The case was now simply one of returning the money and paying compensation. Counsel then went into the question of the Statute of Limitations. The deceased died in Singapore in October, 1899. This case was not brought on until January, 1901, so that nine years had elapsed. Prima facie, the Statute barred such an action. Section 45 of the Partnership Ordinance made the amount due by the surviving partners a debt. The amount due in this case is therefore a debt, which was capable of being barred by the Statute as any other debt. So long as the partners enjoyed the property there was no application of the statute, but as soon as a partner died the statute began to operate. Counsel then quoted authorities at great length in support of his contention.

Important evidence was heard during the afternoon sitting of the Court, which then adjourned until to-morrow.

MANILA & HONGKONG. VICE-GOVERNOR OF PHILIPPINES ENTERTAINED BY SIR F. LUGARD.

Nice-Governor Gilbert of the Philippines, with Mrs. Gilbert, who arrived from Manila on the S.S. Prinz Sigismund this morning, were the guests of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lugard at dinner at Government House.

Mr. Frank Carpenter, Executive Secretary for the Philippines, was also among the guests of the Governor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are on their way to Europe, and leave to-morrow by the N.D.L. s.s. Derflinger.

There is a story told of the reply made by Vice-Governor Gilbert to a teacher who applied for an extension of leave, says the "Manila Times." "What are you teaching?" asked Mr. Gilbert. "Roman history," was the answer. "Then," said Mr. Gilbert with a smile, "stop away as long as you like." The anecdote is valuable as indicating the crystal clear common-sense which has given high value to his work as Secretary of public instruction, and which, added to a personality the most attractive, has made him troops of friends who to-morrow will speed him on his holiday trip. Bon voyage, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert!

S.M.S. Tsingtau arrived in port yesterday from Canton. On her voyage down the river the gunboat sustained damage to her propeller, and consequently had to go into the Kowloon Dock, where she will remain for ten days.

S. M. S. Schanhorst, which arrived yesterday from Batavia, is awaiting the arrival of Rear-Admiral Krosiek. The Admiral was appointed to take command of the East Asiatic Squadron on the 22nd of last month. He is expected here on the 26th inst., coming via Siberia.

The petty officers of the Tamar and Naval establishment generally held their annual ball last Friday. The R. G. A. theatre was prettily decorated for the occasion, and dancing was kept up until a late hour. Guests from Kowloon and Stonecutter's Island were taken back on launches at about 2 a.m., after a most enjoyable evening.

The contingent of Volunteers provisionally selected to represent Hongkong at the coronation in June will include Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D., Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, Captain M. S. Northcote, Lieut. W. Russell, Sergeant M. Melver, Sergeant E. M. Hayward, Sergeant P. O. Day, and Sergeant A. E. Wright.

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB. CLUB RACE.

The 7th Club race for each class was sailed on the 4th inst. in a fresh easterly breeze. The course for the handicap class was Channel Rocks (port), Cust Buoy (port), Channel Rocks (starboard), Cust Rock Buoy (port), Meyers East Buoy (port), 8 miles.

The following were the competitors:

Dione, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher; Iris, Commodore Byres, R.N.; Erian, Mr. A. Denison; Ada, Col. Chapman; Kathleen, Officers, R.E.; Colleen, Hon. J. E. Pollock; Min, Messrs. Irving and Alabaster; Ayesha, Capt. Loring, R.G.A.

His Colleen and Ayesha were the first boats to cross the line. Dione and Kathleen got a bad start. The former, however, soon picked up and got into second place, and when rounding the Cust Rock Buoy the first time, she collared Iris and took the lead and kept it during the remainder of the race. Kathleen was well sailed and easily saved her time, thereby winning.

The times were as follows:

Corrected. Marks to date	Dione	Iris	Erian	Kathleen	Colleen	Ada	Ayesha	Min
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0. 0. 43.	0. 0. 43.	0. 0. 59.	0. 0. 53.	0. 0. 58.	0. 0. 58.	0. 0. 58.	0. 0. 58.	0. 0. 58.
0. 0. 43.	0. 0. 43.	0. 0. 59.	0. 0. 53.	0. 0. 58.	0. 0. 58.	0. 0. 58.	0. 0. 58.	0. 0. 58.

ONE DESIGN CASE.

The five-boats sailed over the following course:—Mark Boat in Quarry Bay (p), Channel Rocks (p), Cust Rock Buoy (p), Channel Rocks (s).

Much to the surprise of the steersmen, who all thought their boats were on the right side of the line when the starting gun fired, they were all recalled. Halcyon swung back over the line at once and then sailed on in company with Daphne, who had not returned, but there was so much uncertainty on the part of the other three boats as to whether they were right or not that they remained standing on the line, and Daphne and Halcyon seeing that the race was already spoilt decided to return and join in a fresh start. On this occasion Halcyon, Alannah and Daphne were unfortunate in losing the wind just as the gun fired, with the result that Ailsa and Bonito at the outer end of the line got away with a considerable lead.

The first mark was made after a long and short leg, during which Halcyon came up to and passed Bonito, and she nearly caught Ailsa at the mark boat. After a stretch to Channel Rocks, boats were gybed for the run to Cust Rocks, and Bonito having come up on the leaders in a strong puff of wind, rounded the buoy with barely daylight separating them, Ailsa still being first and Halcyon second. All three stood out into the middle of the harbour.

Ailsa coming about first, then Halcyon, and lastly Bonito. Of the three, Halcyon just fetched Channel Rocks in one leg, whilst Ailsa had to make a short tack and Bonito found she had oversteered. As a result, Halcyon rounded with a lead of over a minute, Bonito still being third. There was no change in the order on the run home but the finishing times being as follows:

Hrs. m. s. Marks to date.

Halcyon	4. 24.0	41.
Ailsa	4. 24.45	21 1.2
Bonito	4. 25.0	19 1.2
Alannah	4. 27.45	15.
Daphne	4. 28.50	8.

THE AVIATORS.

The birdmen Mars, Shriver and Captain Baldwin after holding out hopes to the Colony of an interesting experience leave for Manila to-morrow.

Much regret has been expressed that the aviators were unable to give an exhibition here. The proposed flight at Taiipo aroused the greatest interest, none the less that local residents were going up as passengers.

The biplane was brought in from Taiipo yesterday, preparatory to its owner's departure.

Mr. Brice, who looks after the business side of the aviators' tour, has left for the north. He is in negotiation with the Japanese government.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Humphrey's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., will hold its ordinary annual general meeting at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday at 11.30 a.m.

The directors' report to be submitted on that occasion states that the net profit for the period, including \$5,471.60 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$75,704.99.

From this it is proposed to pay a dividend of four and a half per cent. on the capital, after providing for which and paying directors' remuneration and auditors' fees, there remains a balance of \$1,181.65 to be carried to a new profit and loss account.

In accordance with rule No. 76 of the Company's Articles of Association the directors retire. Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. W. C. Bonnar, G. Balloch and Dr. J. W. Noble offer themselves for re-election. Owing to ill-health Mr. Ho Tung does not seek re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ninety-first report of the Court of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1914, at noon, is as follows:

Gentlemen.—The directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 31st December, 1913.

The net profits for that period, including \$2,029,390.83 balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$5,249,696.46.

The directors recommend the transfer of \$250,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Silver Reserve Fund, which fund will then stand at \$10,250,000.

After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to directors there remains for appropriation \$4,984,606.46, out of which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of Two Pounds Sterling per share, viz.: £240,000 and a bonus of Five Shillings Sterling per share, viz.: £30,000 amounting in all to £270,000 which at 1/10, the rate of the day, will absorb \$2,945,454.55.

The balance \$2,039,151.91 to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

Sterling Reserve Fund.—The holding of £1,750,000 2 1/2 per cent. Consols has been written down to 79. This was effected by the purchase at about par of £15,000 other sterling securities, making our holding under this heading £340,000 written down to £237,400. The cost of this adjustment was met out of the earnings of the half-year.

Directors.—The Honourable Mr. Henry Keswick has been elected Chairman for the year 1914, and Mr. G. H. Medhurst Deputy Chairman. Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mr. E. Shellim having resigned their seats, Mr. G. Friesland and Mr. W. Logan have been invited to fill the vacancies; these appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. H. A. Siebs, Mr. R. Shewan and Mr. G. Balloch retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, who offer themselves for re-election.

ROLLER-SKATING.

LIKELIHOOD OF A RINK AT KOWLOON.

We learn that there is every likelihood of a skating-rink being established at Kowloon.

It has long been recognised that our neighbours across the harbour are not provided with amusement adequate to so large and prosperous a community.

A skating-rink will fill a long felt want, particularly if it is run, as is possible, in connection with a cinematograph.

LOG BOOK.

The s.s. Persia, which is being overhauled at Quarry Bay Dock at present, is to go again on the "Trigo" run next month. For some time she has been engaged in the Manzanillo trade under charter to Messrs. Eng Hook Tong and Company, the well-known passenger agents in Hongkong.

She will now resume her direct trading route to the United States under the flag of the Pacific Mail. The Persia is a vessel of 2,744 tons net. Her skipper is Captain A. Lockett.

Capt. Pybus, of the Canadian Pacific Co., has now retired.

We understand that a contract has been made with the Taikeo Dock Company for the construction of a vessel, 240 feet long, for the South Manchurian Railway. Another vessel is also being built for the same Company in Japan.

The Protosilurus left Manila with a very large cargo of hemp and copra for London and Liverpool via Singapore.

The Rubi took over 100 passengers from Manila to the Moro fair, Zamboanga.

The Kumerie left Manila for Hongkong—where repairs are to be effected—with 4,500 bales of hemp on board.

We understand that the question of the recent collision in Bangkok River between the Haldia and a North German Lloyd steamer was recently referred to a court of arbitration in Hongkong. The verdict was in favour of the Haldia, the captain of this ship being complimented upon the manner in which he averted greater damage being done to both vessels.

Mr. Robert Ferguson has gone away on the engine-room staff of the s.s. Haldia on the Bangkok run.

SNATCHING FROM A EUROPEAN LADY.

At about 5 p.m. yesterday, Miss Skipton, of the Diocesan Girls' School, was walking along Bonham Road, and on nearing the Diocesan Boys' School a man came up and snatched from her hand a hand bag, containing \$48 in money and other articles, of the total value of \$50.50. The man then made his way over the bankment and down High Street, near the Berlin Mission. He ran past the Government Hospital Sisters' quarters, and at this place an amah employed by the sisters met him and made an attempt to stop him but did not succeed. He then ran down Eastern Street and was followed by the amah, who was shouting all the time "Snatch things." At this point he dropped the bag, and was chased by a Chinese constable. The latter overtook him and escorted him to the station.

He appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistracy this morning. Inspector Robertson prosecuted.

Defendant stated he did not snatch the bag, but he heard a whistle, ran, and fell down.

His Worship passed sentences of one year's hard labour, 12 strokes, and six hours' stocks.

COMMERCIAL.

Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd., state in their fortnightly circular that the coal market is dull at last quotations.

Although U.S. prices for flour have advanced 20 cents per barrel during the interval, local values remain unchanged.

The hemp market is weak, with a slightly downward tendency. Most immediate wants of sugar for Chinese markets having been supplied, Chinese have put price for No. 3 down to Pesos 5.12 12 per picul, at 2.7 8 ex— to L 3.3 2 per ton f. o. b., which figure is now close to the equivalent of price ruling in New York. Supplies are now coming in freely.

The better advices from consuming markets have led the effect of considerably strengthening the copra market, all parcels arriving finding ready buyers on the basis of Pesos 10.6 to Pesos 11.00, but market closed easier with buyers of E.M. at not over Pesos 10.5 equalling at exchange of 2.0 7.8—L 10.18. 3. The rice market is firm with only small stocks available.

TIGERS IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

ARE THEY A MYTH?

A good deal of ridicule was recently cast upon the story of a tiger having been killed in the New Territory and certainly the inability of the sportsman who said he shot it was rather discounted by the fact that there were no trophies of the chase, in the way of skin or claws, forthcoming. But that there are big beasts of prey in the New Territory seems to be beyond doubt. The latest of such animals to be spotted over there is what is described as a puma.

The puma was seen at Fanling just before six o'clock on Saturday evening, by three European railway officials who happened to be travelling on the train. When sighted, it was only some fifteen yards off the line, and was so keenly engaged in making its meal off a goat that it never even lifted its head or shifted off the place when the train passed.

COMPANY MEETING.

Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.

The sixth annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., took place this afternoon at the Company's offices, Mr. G. H. Medhurst presiding. There were also present Messrs. P. J. Bisschop, J. W. C. Bonnar, C. G. Gok, T. Kusumoto, R. Shewan, A. H. Skelton (consulting committee), Albert Ellis, J. D. Ould, E. A. J. May and E. Grant Smith (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen—With your permission I will dispense with the formality of reading the report and accounts. The profits for the year under review amount to \$35,548.50, as against \$11,956.18 for the preceding year, which I think we may consider satisfactory. Our Marine Superintendent reports that all the Company's boats are in good condition, and have been well kept up. All repairs to boats have been paid for out of current revenue, and the Special Repairs Account which was inaugurated last year for the purpose of covering exceptional repair bills has not been encroached upon. With this special account in hand and with the suggested opening of an Insurance Fund, by the transfer of \$10,000 from this year's profits, I feel that without being unduly sanguine we may safely look forward to regular and increasing dividends. The accounts appear to call for no further comment, but before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, if any shareholder desires to ask any questions I shall be happy to answer them to the best of my ability.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Gok seconded. Carried.

The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

BILLIARDS.

GRAND HOTEL HANDICAP.

The Grand Hotel billiard handicap continues to arouse a good deal of interest among wielders of the cue in the Colony. On Saturday night Mr. Phillips, owing 25, met Mr. Eales, owing 85. Both players showed good form, but Mr. Phillips eventually won by 250 to 186.

During the game the winner made a break of 34, equalling the highest so far made by Mr. Gibson. Mr. Eales' highest break was 25.

To-night Mr. G. Taylor meets Mr. Cooper, and to-morrow night Mr. Raiton meets Mr. S. Bell. On Wednesday night the second round will be brought to a conclusion by Mr. McLennan and Mr. Irving.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

The following is the result of the cricket league games up to date:

Club	P. W. L. D. Pt.
R.E. & Depts.	10 7 1 2 70.00
Kowloon	11 5 2 4 45.45
Remnants	9 4 2 3 44.44
Hongkong "A"	10 4 2 4 40.00
Yorks	8 3 5 — 37.50
R.G.A.	8 3 4 1 37.50
Civil Service	6 2 4 — 33.33
Craigengower	10 3 3 4 30.00
H.K. Police	12 2 10 — 10.00

The Chinese committed suicide on Monday in the kitchen of No. 20, Wing On Street, by hanging himself to a beam. He was only 21 years of age.

The Lord Bishop of Victoria holds a confirmation service on March 16th.

Commander C. M. Kiepper, of the U.S.N., is leaving for Shanghai on the s.s. Asia on Saturday.

Mr. Gaspar, of the Canton Railway is going on leave for several months, leaving on Saturday per S.S. Asia.

The Pacific Mail liner Asia is fully booked for her return trip. She is due in San Francisco on the 4th of March.

Mr. H. H. Young, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., is going home for a vacation, leaving the Colony on Saturday per S.S. Asia.

Sergeants Baker, Appleton, Jackson, Davis, and David, of the Hongkong Police, will be leaving for home shortly for a holiday.

Sir Polham Warren, K.C.M.G., the retiring British Consul-General at Shanghai, left by the P. & O. s.s. Delhi to-day for home.

The "Telegraph" learned on Tuesday that a terrible condition of affairs exists in the stricken districts of Manchuria.

Mrs. A. P. Wilder, wife of the American Consul-General, arrived in Shanghai on the 2nd by the P. M. S. Mongolia.

The Consul General for Japan, Mr. T. Funatsu, will give a dinner at his residence on Saturday evening to Commander Tatsuaki and the officers of the cruiser Akitsushima.

The concert for the benefit of the manager of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home will take place on the 8th March next, and not on the 8th last, as previously stated.

Among the passengers going to Manila on the s.s. Yuenan are Mr. Ch. Ambrosoli, of the Schweiger Import and Export Co., Mr. Gallagher, Rev. Father G. Dunier, and Mr. R. H. Sharp.

On Monday evening Mr. P. Currie will deliver a lecture at the Y.M.C.A. on "Queensland." The lecture will be illustrated by a number of lantern slides, and it is expected that a large number of members will be present.

Under the care of Manager Brice one of the biplanes of the aviation trio now in Hongkong, was successfully conveyed to Taiipo on a special train last Friday. Capt. Baldwin was there to receive the machine.

The Commander of the Portuguese gunboat Patra, Dr. Passos, the surgeon, and Lieut. Brandan—all of the same ship, who have gained some notoriety in connection with the late revolt in Macao, are passengers home by the P. & O. steamer Delhi.

Thousands of bodies lie unburied, the forces at the command of the authorities being altogether inadequate to cope with the mortality, and it is now suggested that the bodies be got rid of by way of the rivers.

The Bishop of Victoria, accompanied by the Rev. A. D. Stewart and W. Rogers, has left Hongkong for Peking by the s.s. "Athalia." The Bishop purpose holding confirmations and inspecting the various mission stations between Peking and Nanning, returning via the West River. He will be absent from Hongkong for about a fortnight.

The Hutton Cup Committee will meet in the Court-Martial Room, Second Point, on Monday. The committee is composed as follows:—President.—Major W. M. Withycombe, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. Members.—1 officer 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., 2 officers 13th Rajputs, 2 officers 105th M.L.I.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, Y.M.C.A., the various committees for the ensuing year were elected, with the following as chairmen: Educational, Mr. H. Sykes, Membership, Mr. W. Smart, Social, Mr. R. C. Barlow, Athletics, Mr. L. E. Dutton, Rooms, Mr. A. W. Smith, while the Finance Committee is composed of the following: The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Mr. A. H. Harris and Mr. A. Bryer.

Among those on the Prinz Sigismund is Mrs. P. G. Eastwick, wife of Major P. G. Eastwick, manager of the International banking corporation, Manila. Mrs. Eastwick will visit friends in Java for a few weeks, and join Major Eastwick, who leaves Manila on the 14th inst., at Singapore. Major and Mrs. Eastwick will spend part of their vacation in Egypt and Europe before going to New York.

A Chinese committed suicide on Monday in the kitchen of No. 20, Wing On Street, by hanging himself to a beam. He was only 21 years of age.

TRAINING NOTES.

WILLOW TREE'S MAGNIFICENT SHOWING.

Happy Valley, 4th Feb.
The delightful weather this morning attracted quite a large gathering of interested spectators within the enclosure, clad among whom were several ladies who contributed light and mirth to the conviviality of the morning meeting.

We have to welcome Messrs. C. R. Burkill and Fred. A. Cunningham from Shanghai, whose first appearance this season in the valley was the occasion of many a hearty handshake in renewing the annual acquaintanceship.

I have also to record the arrival for the first time of Mr. King from Canton, who will be seen in the saddle on Messrs. Walsland and Bullock's ponies.

DAILY OUTLOOK.

The outstanding features of this morning's training was the phenomenal gallop which went to the credit of Mr. F. B. Marshall's candidate for Derby honors. This pony covered 1 1/4 miles in 2.43, last mile 2.13, last quarter 32.2. It was the consensus of opinion that in this part of the gallop has yet been known to go over the distance in the remarkable time accomplished by Willow Tree this morning.

Apple Tree, the Willow's stable companion, was a little slower in his gallop, but had a better finish, his whole time being about 2.52, last quarter 36 seconds.

Coronation Rose (Burkill up) covered 1 1/4 miles in 2.49, last quarter 32.2. This pony does not seem to please his critics as to his chances for the blue ribbon of the meeting. The general impression is that he lacks stamina.

Pole d'Ore was sent the full Derby distance; this he accomplished in 3.11, last quarter 32.3 seconds.

Anura, Rose and Gardemia Rose trotted shorter distances rather more slowly than the Derby contestants.

Anchoudon, John Peel's representative, also claims the credit of a very fine performance this morning. His 1 1/4 miles in 2.28, last quarter 32, was particularly pleasing. Anchoudon did not appear to be ridden out at the finish. Two last a very handsome pony in him and his chances of carrying the Blue and Silver past the winning post in the classic event of the meeting must not be overlooked; but whether the pony is game or not remains to be proved. At all events he has the speed and Mr. Johnston can be reckoned upon with consummate skill in judiciously not to neglect his opportunities with his stylish mount.

Just in Fun (Cunningham) 1 1/4 miles 2.53, last quarter 30.35.

Just in Time accomplished a very slow gallop in 2.54 over the Derby distance, last quarter 31.

SUSCRIPTIONS CRIPPLES.

I still adhere to the opinion expressed in the first instalment of my notes on Wednesday last to the effect that so far one pony and one pony alone stands out from among the rest of subscription griffins. I allude to Mr. Morrison Hill's Bantam, who will probably be ridden by Mr. Vida. Whether he can stay forward to the end of the race is another matter. Up to the present there is not one genuine stayer among the "cripples."

Jack Sprague, who has up to now enjoyed a rather bad reputation, utterly failed this morning when called upon to go 1 1/4 miles; his whole time—3.30—was good, but his last half mile in 1.16 with the last quarter 39 seconds, does not betray that speed which can command confidence for many a long distance race.

Another pony—Toby—who was reported to be a stayer, also came to grief when put to the test today and finished dead to the world, last quarter 37 seconds.

Messiah's child, Highland Bura, was even more badly let in this gallop and must be considered utterly useless for any distance. I have to reiterate my opinion that never in the whole course of my experience with Chinese ponies have I seen such a poor mob of subscription griffins. With only the few exceptions already mentioned they do not seem to be capable of going any distance. Five furlongs would appear to be all they are capable of negotiating. In the short sprint races, however, this season's subs should be capable of supplying large fields.

Shallot is being restricted to slow cantering work only and apparently can stay for ever at this pace; a different tale would have to be told when the colors are up.

Anchoudon (Johnston) 1 mile, 1.41, last quarter 33 seconds.

Thief (Boy up), 1 mile, 2.19, last quarter 33 seconds.

Bowing Chief, one mile, 2.21, last quarter 34.

Artisan (Gegg), one mile, 2.20, last quarter 31.

Perhaps (Gegg), 1 1/4 miles, 3.45, last quarter 37 seconds.

A pony that has come on lately is Alacrité and he may prove the surprise of the meeting.

OWN POSSES.

Of the bunch of old ponies first attention is claimed by the Rosas. Little Gem Rose and Spring Rose were both sent out this morning. The Gem to all appearance seems to be off colour and did not gallop in his old fine style.

Ocello Rose (late Vespaian) and Royal Rose are in good fettle and will be dangerous wherever they start.

The same may be said of John Peel's Rajah, who is in the pink of condition.

tion. For distances up to 1-1/2 miles this pony will take a lot of beating. I can conscientiously say that this pony is looking in capital trim.

Blackura Vale, enjoying a splendid reputation at Gynkhan meetings, is sure to command quite a decent string of followers at the "pun." I should not at all be surprised if he wins one of the combined races.

Marshall's three old ponies—Cherry, Maple and Olive Tree—are all fit and well. All look to our Fochow visitor! Cherry Tree is working on a mile in 1 1/4 minutes, shows himself to be an absolutely fast racer. In fact he was very tricky in losing the Shanghai Criticism Stakes; Olive Tree is a person of obscure renown; but the owner places some reliance on him for long distance events.

Maple Tree, who ran a very fine race in the Champions here last year, hardly looks like capable of repeating his excellent performance this season. He will have to surprise by catching one of the races at the finish.

Highland King (late Kingsdale) (Gegg), 1 1/4 miles, 2.51, last quarter 31. Greyback (Gegg), 1 1/4 miles, 3.02, last quarter 31.

RIDING BOY.

H. S. MONMOUTH.

ANNUAL SPORTS HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

The annual sports of H.M.S. Monmouth were held this afternoon, commencing at 1.15 on the parade ground of the Naval Yard.

The events were all keenly contested, the competitors being in excellent training, with the result that the close sport was witnessed.

The Marine Band played a selection during the afternoon.

The following are some of the results:

Potter Race. First Heat Skinner, Second Heat Patterson, Third Heat Palmer.

Pier Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Three-Way Race. First Heat Skinner, Second Heat Patterson, Third Heat Palmer.

Four-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Five-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Six-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Seven-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Eight-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Nine-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Ten-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Eleven-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Twelve-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Thirteen-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Fourteen-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Fifteen-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Sixteen-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Seventeen-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Eighteen-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Nineteen-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Twenty-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Twenty-One-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Twenty-Two-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Twenty-Three-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Twenty-Four-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

Twenty-Five-Way Race. Open to a boy and a girl from the F. N. F. T. M. T. Q. D. Pyman and Sigmond, Royal Marines, and stonemason's boys. The latter to provide a musical instrument, and take his team who will be finished 1st, round course. First Heat Skinner and stonemason's boy. Second Heat Main Top, Port-Land Race. 1. Skinner, 2. Main Top.

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[Special Article.]
Licensing Anomalies
in Hongkong.

THE BARMAID QUESTION.

It may be beyond the powers of man to devise a system of laws that shall be utterly devoid of anomalies, but surely of all the anomalous Ordinances that ever were compiled there are few to be found outside the realm of comic opera than that which relates to the licensing of the barmaid.

True enough, various attempts are made by the Executive from time to time to have such inequalities removed when the fact of their existence is brought under notice, but it generally happens that almost before any amending Bill has been put through the original Ordinance requires some further pottering; and so it goes on, until those responsible for the administration of a particular law find themselves overwhelmed in a mass of amending and re-amending amendments. Such is the case with the Liquor Ordinance and its amendments.

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Telegrams.

News from Tientsin.

The following are taken from the "Peking and Tientsin Times" of January 28:

Plague news from Tientsin City, Peking, Paoingfu, and the Tientsin-Peking Railway line, is conspicuous by its absence. We wish we could feel confident that no news in this case meant good news. In the light of what is happening elsewhere, however, one can hardly expect that the numerous cases reported from the above-mentioned places have no infection, and that no further deaths have taken place. In the Austrian Concession Isolation Hospital three women and a child have died within the last three days. The situation in the Yungpingfu district is worse, and there are other points on the Mukden route where cases have occurred. As for Mukden itself the figures which we published yesterday, sixty cases and forty-eight deaths, indicate only too clearly how serious the situation has become there. The sad death of Dr. Jackson, a young man with high medical credentials who recently joined Dr. Christie at Mukden, emphasizes in a tragic way the necessity for Europeans coming into close contact with plague cases or contacts taking the most complete precautions.

Yungpingfu, Jan. 25.—The military have offered further medical help in connexion with plague precautionary measures, but the civil officials whom I have seen again to-day have gone back on all their promises. So, though the villages are guarded, no preparations have been made for patients. Ten deaths from plague are reported from a village fifty li to the west.

Jan. 20.—There were four plague deaths yesterday, close to the city, one at a new centre. There is one suspect case inside the city. A proclamation which has been issued contains advice regarding sanitation, and recommends a Chinese sweating medicine in case of attack by plague and the burning of a second medicine for fumigation.

Paoingfu, Jan. 26.—There are no cases of plague here, though many have died at a village thirty-five li distant. A detention camp is to be opened here to-morrow at the railway station, and all arrivals by train will be placed in quarantine for five days. The Chihli Provincial College has laid in supplies for three months, and the gates will be closed whenever a case of plague is reported in the city.

The plague situation in Tientsin does not seem to develop at the expected speed. We can hear of no further cases in the City, while in the Austrian Concession the total cases, and deaths, stand at four men, four women and one child, all due to contact with the original victim. In the isolation hospital are six men, two women and three children.

A communication from Harbin dated January 22 states that the average number of deaths in the Chinese city have been 120-130 daily for the past week. Forty or fifty die in the hospitals and the remainder are picked up in the streets by the Sanitary Corps. There are forty to sixty deaths daily in the Russian Settlement, but all are Chinese. The greatest difficulty is experienced in finding accommodation for contacts.

Precautions in Corea.

The Government-General of Corea has sent instruction to all Custom Houses in Corea setting forth the preventive measures to be taken against black plague. All imports of soya bean, Indian corn, and other food stuffs, from Manchuria is prohibited for the time being.

ALIENS IN ENGLAND.

LEGISLATION PROMISED.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent] London, Feb. 9, 9.20 p.m. Mr. Winston Churchill, in view of the recent affray at Houndsditch, when a number of policemen were killed by foreigners, has made a declaration that the Government were prepared to make a promise that legislation would immediately be forthcoming to deal with the question of aliens in England.

Telegrams.

A strong agitation has been carried on both in the press and on the platform urging the authorities to pass such measures as will prevent the recurrence of the astounding scenes recently witnessed in London.

THE SHANGHAI CRISIS.

INVESTIGATION OF CHINESE OFFICIALS' AFFAIRS.

["SHEUNG PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9. Su Fu and Ching Tack Chen have telegraphed to the Puchipin requesting that another official be appointed to assist in the investigation, into the affairs of Chai Ni Wong, the ex-Taoist of Shanghai, in order that the enquiry should be impartial.

The Viceroy of the Two Kiang is said to be too friendly towards the ex-Taoist.

THE PRIZE RING.

WOLGAST DEFEATED.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent]

London, Feb. 9, 9.20 p.m.

"Knockout" Brown has beaten Wolgast in a very fast boxing bout.

Digger Stanley has also been defeated.

His conqueror was Tommy O'Toole.

THE PLAGUE.

ACTION BY JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

[INDEPENDENT NEWS AGENCY.]

Tokyo, February 10th.

The Japanese Imperial Diet has approved of the Government's proposal for the introduction of an additional budget so as to provide funds to be used in the suppression of the plague epidemic in Manchuria.

YUNNAN.

VICEROY ASKS FOR MORE TROOPS.

["SHEUNG PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

Viceroy Li of Yunnan has telegraphed to the Throne stating that the British troops operating on the frontier are gaining ground.

He is anxious about the situation, and asks the Throne to instruct the Viceroy of Szechuan to send as many troops as he can spare to Yunnan.

CANTON GAMBLING.

["SHEUNG PO" SERVICE.]

Canton, Feb. 9.

Viceroy Chang has shown to the gentry a telegram from the Tschupin, in which it agrees to the suggested date for the suppression of gambling, and denounces reports to the contrary which appeared in Canton papers.

PRINCE KUNG.

ALLEGED ASSASSINATION RUMOURED.

["SHEUNG PO" SERVICE.]

Peking, Feb. 9.

The Ministry of the Interior has issued a proclamation prohibiting the people from circulating the rumour of the alleged assassination of Prince Kung.

RUSSIA'S MEASURES.

TO STOP EMIGRATION.

[INDEPENDENT NEWS AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that the Russian Government has decided to stop all transportation of emigrants to the Far East owing to the plague.

JAPAN AND THE KING'S CORONATION.

TWO WARSHIPS TO GO TO LONDON.

[INDEPENDENT NEWS AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

The Japanese Imperial Diet has decided to send two warships to London to represent Japan's Fleet at the Coronation of His Majesty King George V.

Telegrams.

SELLING OPIUM PIPES.

GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES THE OPIUM HABIT.

While the Hongkong Government are ostensibly carrying out the Home Administration's fullest intentions with reference to the suppression of opium smoking, it is rather strange to notice one glaring inconsistency in their conduct of the measures to eradicate the habit. In the compound of the Central Station this morning there was one of the periodical sales by public auction of articles seized by the Police during raids, handed over to them as lost goods and never claimed, or coming into their possession in some other way.

Amongst the "olla podrida" of articles offered for sale this morning was a great quantity of opium-smoking paraphernalia, including some 200 pipes, with lamps, trays, and so on. These were all offered unsreservedly and fetched good prices as prices go at the Police auction sales.

It can hardly be doubted that these pipes, etc., find their way back into the opium dens either here or in Canton and surely it behoves our local authorities, if they intend to carry out opium abolition in the Colony, to see to it that all the pipes and other gear seized are destroyed and not put into the second-hand market and so made easily obtainable by victims of the habit.

SAIGON RUBBER.

ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE CHINESE LABOUR.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent]

Canton, Feb. 9.

An attempt is being made to engage Chinese labour for the rubber plantations in French Indo-China.

The Diplomatic Commissioner at Swatow has reported to the Canton Viceroy that he is in receipt of a despatch from the French Consul at the former port stating that a French emigration agent has approached him with a view to getting Chinese labourers from Swatow for Saigon to work in the rubber plantations. On receipt of this report, H.E. the Viceroy asked for the opinion of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, as His Excellency is afraid that there may be evils attending the emigration of Chinese labourers to foreign dominions. The Chamber has wired to the Chinese merchants of Saigon asking them to institute thorough and minute enquiry into the matter before a reply is given to the French Consul.

PEKING SCHOOLS SHUT.

Mr. Kong Kwak Wa, a student at the Peking Railway College, who has arrived in Hongkong on his way to Canton, states that all the colleges and schools in the capital have been closed owing to fears entertained of the plague spreading.

The object of this paper is to publish correct information, to serve the truth and print the news without fear or favour.

THE Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 1911.

HONGKONG AND MALARIA.

(9th February.)

The malarial discussion at the recent meeting of the Sanitary Board reminds us that in all of sound and healthy brow there over occurs a supernatant froth consisting of gas entangled in the less consistent part of the liquid. We are reminded of this chiefly by the want of local knowledge of the subject exhibited by one member of the Board in complaining of the "piffing" way in which malaria was dealt with, and also by the reply of the former Superintendent of the Afforestation Department to the plaint of Colonel Bedford concerning a

stagnant cistern in his garden. Following our usual custom we will blow away this froth as unworthy of further attention, and proceed straight to business; we say business, advisedly because the prevention of malaria as of that of any other disease is strictly a matter of economy in the future welfare of the colony, and we wish to preface our remark by saying that any criticism we have to offer is given only with a view to strengthening the hands of the Government in the matter.

The average cost of a patient suffering from malaria in a Government hospital is \$2.34 per diem, and the average stay in hospital of such a case is 6.3 days. Any reduction in the annual number of patients treated in hospital is a direct saving to the Government of a sum which any year may be calculated from the above data. To take the figures of the earlier preventive measures of the Government: In the years 1904/5, inclusive, the Government saved in this way \$3,685, after a capital expenditure of \$61,000 in anti-malarial measures—a return of 6 per cent. for the period. Recognising this, the Government has continued its anti-malarial measures up to the present date, as acknowledged by the Director of Public Works and the head of the Sanitary Department, but owing to deficiencies in the exchequer the capital expenditure has had to be grievously restricted.

While giving the above recognition to the Government for such anti-malarial measures as it has as yet undertaken, we feel it our bounden duty to criticise this restriction in expenditure. The statistics of malarial incidence in the Colony especially during the past year urgently call for further and immediate expenditure. We wish to place on record our opinion that in noting but not immediately giving effect to the expert advice of the Head of the Army medical department, the medical head of the Sanitary department and the other medical officers connected with the Sanitary Board, the Government is taking upon itself a serious responsibility with regard to the future welfare of the community. In this connection we congratulate Dr. Fitzwilliams in calling attention to the fact that anti-malarial measures first recommended in May, 1909, have been postponed till 1912 for further consideration; and we seriously ask, is it wise thus to tamper with the malarial insurance policy of the colony by delaying the payment of premia already overdue? We will not strain the analogy further, but will conclude with the remark that such a course of procedure in business circles results in the policy becoming void.

PLAGUE IN THE NORTH.

(7th February.)

From the telegrams that have been appearing from day to day in our columns, it will have been seen that the incidence of plague in the North has assumed very grave aspects. The Chinese Government as a rule are totally wanting in the direction of taking suppressive measures when plague or any other contagious disease becomes epidemic, but it is a sign of the times that on this occasion they have shown signs of activity by stopping the service of trains from the seaboard to Peking. That this will prevent the pest from invading the Capital we earnestly trust, but it behoves the Chinese authorities to go a great deal farther in instituting measures calculated to stop the progress of the dread disease. So far, we in Hongkong have been fortunate in keeping the plague outside our boundaries. Yet as a matter of fact, the Colony has been saved from a visitation of the scourge more by good luck than good guidance. For it was not until the "Telegraph" had brought under the notice of the medical authorities the arrival here of a steamer from an infected Northern port without quarantine exemption—although already she had been refused entrance to Taingtau unless she underwent quarantine conditions of harbourage—that practical measures were adopted here. After the warning note had been sounded by the "Telegraph," there was a hastily summoned meeting of the Executive Council, with the result that Chefoo, Chinwangtao and Taingtau were declared to be

infected ports. From the cable sent us this morning by our Tientsin correspondent, it appears that the epidemic is becoming very much worse. At Harbin, he says, the conditions are "beyond description," and Russian firemen are engaged in cremating the dead bodies of victims "a hundred at a time." Yesterday, too, there were more than one hundred deaths at Mukden. It is with alarm, also, that we note the spread of the plague in the Tientsin district and that it has made its appearance in no less than twenty-three new centres in the neighbourhood. Chefoo and Dalny also contribute to the daily death-roll. How on earth Hongkong has escaped so far passeth understanding, for steamers from the infected ports have been coming into our Harbour regularly of late without any quarantine restrictions being imposed; and it is an accepted opinion of the medical fraternity that a community that is subject to bubonic plague epidemics, such as we have experienced in Hongkong in past years, is equally susceptible to epidemic pneumonic plague, such as is raging in Manchuria and spreading gradually South. Should it invade our Colony, the plague would find a very prolific breeding ground. In Hongkong we have already suffered so terribly from this scourge of the East that no preventive measures however exacting and no expenditure however heavy will be considered as excessive so long as the dread disease be kept away from our shores. It is a peculiar fact that the "Telegraph" appears to be the only local paper which has published unvarnished truths about the incidence of plague in the North. Our Tientsin correspondent is one of the best known journalists in the Far East, and his telegraphic messages may be taken as being absolutely accurate. There have been plague epidemics before in China—both in the North and in Canton—that have been carefully kept guarded from outside knowledge; but for our part we see no reason why the plain facts should be suppressed. On the contrary, we think that the best world interests are to be served by making public the real state of things, and it behoves Hongkong in particular to be kept in touch with the trend of events ament the plague epidemic that is steadily making its way southwards. We were glad to see that the Executive Council acted at once when attention was called to the danger, and we trust that the measures already taken by the Sanitary Department will prove effective in keeping the Black Death away from our Colony.

BURMAH AND CANTON.

(8th February.)

The information regarding the situation on the Burmah-Yunnan frontier is, unfortunately, very meagre; but it is clear from the agitation among the Chinese that the status quo in the interior has been somewhat rudely disturbed. As our telegraphic news from native sources states, a force of British troops has entrenched itself in Chinese territory; the people are "agitated"; and the Cantonese, in their best Cantonese manner, are stepping in where angels, with good reason, might fear to tread. Trouble of some sort undoubtedly exists—but the causes of frontier outbreaks are seldom, if ever, proportionate to results, and in the present instance the Cantonese have assumed an attitude that would complicate the most trivial differences between officials on contiguous borders. We know that a British expeditionary force of a punitive nature has been operating close to Chinese territory, but no reliable news of any kind whatever has come to hand which would justify either the trepidation of Viceroy Li of Yunnan or the anti-foreign agitation being now engineered at Canton. The latter city, as our correspondent there reports, regards the situation as dangerous, and the editors of the local newspapers have been "requested to write articles so as to stir up the people." The "stirring up," we are assured from a reliable private source, is to take the form of a boycott. Nothing has occurred to justify so drastic a step, and we trust His Excellency Chang Ming Chi,

like his colleague of Yunnan, will receive a gentle hint from the Throne that the agitation is undesirable. The irresponsible criminal, as a rule, is the father of frontier trouble; it would be a thousand pities if irresponsibility on the part of Canton merchants should complicate matters into the region of an international difference.

JAPAN'S SHIPPING PROSPECTS.

(9th February.)

As we stated in our news columns recently, the Japanese shipping community are displaying a great deal of activity just now. They recognise that in the next few years a question that to them spells life or death has to be settled—namely, who shall command the trade of the Pacific. The South Sea Islands and North and South America are the only possible fields for Japanese expansion, and it is interesting to note that the Japanese Shipowners' Guild, are preaching the Italian principle of development. This is briefly described as first, giving the greatest possible support to emigration, and secondly, using every effort to attract foreign visitors. The profit obtained by Italy from the emigration of her people is far from being inconsiderable. Her home population, in the first place, has been rendered less dense, while at the same time Italians abroad send home large sums of money. Then, the emigration keeps large numbers of Italian steamers employed, not only as passenger boats, but also as carriers of the goods needed by Italy's sons in foreign lands. Large as the profits obtained from this source are, however, those from the second are far greater. The amount received by Italy from foreign visitors annually amounts to close on a million and a half dollars. They may arrive in the country by steamers flying the flags of other nations, but they almost invariably use Italian steamers when departing. The Japanese business men who control the mercantile marine of the country recognise many points of similarity between the situation of Italy and their own. Both countries have rapidly increasing populations, both depend almost entirely on their shipping, both are attractive to foreign visitors. The population of Japan increases annually by about 800,000 and for this reason, if no other, a large number of people must be sent abroad as emigrants if the country is not to find itself hopelessly congested. This emigration will vitalise Japanese shipping, while the passenger traffic to the country should be a source of great profit. Japan's need is urgent, and if we may judge by recent developments she fully recognises it, and is determined to fight for her place on the Pacific.

FESTINALENTE.

(10th February.)

The famous description, "A young man in a hurry," applies in great fullness to the body of Chinese opinion represented at Peking by the National Assembly. It has indicated a desire for reform so furious that it is not unlikely to defeat its own ends. The danger has been recognised by the Prince Regent and his councillors, who have been preaching the need of care in the making of legislation. In this they will have the support of all thinking men, for the "bold attitude" of the Assembly, as the "Times" Peking correspondent points out, threatens to paralyse the government, and unless a wise and strong ruler arises—to injure instead of saving a great Empire, closed in on every side by highly-organised forces and weakened during the ages by corruption and ignorance. Nevertheless it is indicative of the reality of the awakening of China that an oriental people should have to listen to a "Festina lente" from its own Government. Units of the latter, it is true, may very well be hiding under an expression of anxiety their objection to all change; but we believe that the Regent and Councillors, who are really desirous of directing the now spirit along careful channels, are greatly in the majority. But they look with some trepidation at the high rate of speed the unwieldy machine of Chinese opinion

is now developing. For years they have had the extraordinarily complicated problems of this country to solve, and while they have not been as successful as we could wish, there is no doubt that a very real advance has been made without dislocating every day life. The Assembly wish to hurry matters, forgetting that the great mass of the people are so ignorant that even the simplest attempt at guidance, such as the numbering of houses, or the taking of a census, arouses them to riot. It is safe to say that the legislation, the necessary legislation, which the Assembly contemplates, would appear to them an unbroken infringement of their rights. A generation, at least, must elapse before they will be able to give intelligent support to Government schemes of improvement. During the next few years the Assembly will be better employed in making slowly those legislative bricks which will go to complete the edifice of the new Constitutional China. Haste in the process will result in a building out of plumb, in general disappointment to the people and a consequent danger of reaction, which would hold back China for many years from the position which she may rightly hope to occupy.

HONGKONG DAY BY DAY.

Cable communication with Macao is interrupted.

On Wednesday, the birthday of Her Imperial Majesty the Dowager of China, was celebrated.

During the week ending the 5th inst. 21,039 Chinese visited the Museum at the City Hall.

Dr. von Borch, the German Consul at Swatow, has arrived in Hongkong and is staying at the King Edward Hotel.

Passengers arriving on the Loongsang on Tuesday at 9 a.m., included St. John B. Walker, James B. Shouldice, Sgt. C. Lindenberg and N. E. Kellogg.

Owing to various considerations, the Shakespearean Evening of the Union Church Literary Club has been postponed from February 9th to February 23rd.

One Havildar-Major, 1 woman, 2 children, No. 3 Coy. H.K.S.B. (R.G.A.), left the Command for Singapore, per s.s. Fooksang, on 4th inst. (posting to Singapore on promotion).

Miss B. Smith, Acting Pupil Teacher, Garrison Infants' School, Garden Road, is appointed Assistant Teacher in the Garrison Infants' School, Kowloon, vice Miss J. Brown, resigned.

Mr. F. J. Halton, agent of the Pacific Mail, returned on Wednesday by the York, after an absence of many weeks. He has been down South, and went as far as India in the Company's interests.

The band of S. M. S. Schornhorst will give a popular concert on Saturday at the Theatre Royal, and on Friday the 17th a classical concert at the City Hall (under the direction of Herr Richter).

Dr. J. Benevides, inspector of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, having finished with the inspection of the Macao branch of the Bank, is returning to Lisbon by the next English mail.

Mr. P. Currie, of the Ellis Kadoorie School, gave a lecture last evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the subject being "Queensland." The speaker had some very fine lantern slides, furnished by the Government of Queensland.

Mons. Liebert, the French Consul-General, in company with Vice-Consul-Chancellor M. Faillard, visited the Schornhorst and Minotaur this afternoon shortly after three o'clock. They were received with the usual salutes by the warships.

At St. Joseph's R.C. Church yesterday, Captain W. A. Means, who is attached to the Military Hospital at Kowloon, was married to Miss Kogeh. Captain H. L. G. Bell, R.E., gave away the bride. There was a large number of friends present at the wedding ceremony.

H. M. S. Bramble left Shanghai on the 2nd inst.

A masquerade ball will be held at the Belle View Skating Rink on the 16th February.

The English Mail of the 7th January was delivered in London on 4th instant.

Mr. F. T. Hutton, agent of the Pacific Mail Company, returns on Wednesday on the s.s. York.

The Philippine Assembly has rejected an amendment to its bill appropriating P100,000 for the Taal sufferers.

Dr. Stafford, of the Govt. Civil Hospital at Manila, is returning again to that port on the Tean on Tuesday.

Among the passengers on the Zafiro from Manila were acting director of the bureau of navigation, J. S. Reis and his wife.

The s.s. Prometheus, of the Blue Funnel Line, arrived from Singapore yesterday, and sails for Shanghai on Tuesday.

Seven hundred Indian troops in Kowloon went out on the railway this morning to carry out certain military manoeuvres.

J. H. McKinney, an employee of the Philippine Bureau of Navigation, shot himself in the head with a revolver on the 3rd.

Mr. Barnes has been recommended as Chief Commissioner of General Affairs of the Republican Party in New York.

The Blue Funnel steamer Stenar arrived this morning from Shanghai with general cargo, and will leave for Amsterdam and London on Tuesday.

The appointment of Martin Egan, managing editor of the "Manila Times" and Associated Press correspondent in Manila, as secretary to President Taft, may be expected in a few days. Mr. Egan is now in the United States.

A large gathering listened to a most interesting lecture on Queensland by Mr. P. Currie at the Y.M.C.A. rooms on Monday. The lecturer illustrated his remarks with lantern slides of an attractive character. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The sons of the land of the leek in Hongkong will hold their annual dinner on March 3 (St. David's Day) at the Hongkong Hotel. Preparations are now being made for the function, which promises to be a most successful one. Mr. Owen Hughes will be president this year.

So great has been the influx of visitors by recently arrived mail-boats from America that all the hotels are filled up to overflowing. At the King Edward Hotel, the cloak-room and the ladies' afternoon-room have been converted into bed-rooms as a consequence of the crush.

Mr. Vergotte, of the Kowloon Canton Railway staff, left for Swatow on Tuesday to take up a post on the construction staff of Macdonald and Co., who are the contractors for the Swatow water works. Mr. Vergotte was proceeding home at an early date, but this appointment necessitated a change in his plans. His colleagues, however, decided to give him some little token of their appreciation, and yesterday afternoon Mr. R. Baker, District Engineer, handed a very useful dressing case and a cigarette case to him.

If any proof were needed to testify to the popularity which the Bijou Cinematograph, under the able management of Mr. Robert Stephenson, has attained, it will be found in the fact that last Saturday night over 200 people had to be refused admission owing to a packed house. On Sunday night also, a large number of patrons had to be refused admittance. Mr. Stephenson is nightly appearing in a number called "Gold, gold, gold!" in which he renders a striking impersonation of a miser. Miss Vera Forrester is also a source of delight in a dainty little illustrated song, while Miss Ruby Crystal does not fail to achieve popularity with the sweet voice which she undoubtedly possesses.

The field officer for the week is Capt. D. Clapham, R.G.A.

The Corinthian Yacht Club members are holding a "smoker" on 18th instant at 9 p.m.

A telegram to the "Shoung Po" yesterday states that a secretary of the Board of Punishments at Peking has stabbed himself in the chest and is not expected to live.

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China celebrates his birthday to-morrow. The young monarch, who displays unusual intelligence for his years, is only six.

Prince Ching is reported to be taking very little interest in the affairs of state, and the Grand Council is now almost entirely under the direction of Na Tung. Prince Ching is in poor health.

The Christian Union meeting on Monday will be conducted by the Rev. S. W. Payne, who has kindly consented to give a series of addresses. The meeting will be held as usual at Rutherford Hall, St. Stephen's College, at 5.30 p.m.

An inquest was held yesterday at the Magistrate's on a prisoner who died in gaol. The deceased was sentenced last January for turning from banishment. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

The German troop ship Necker left port last night for Tsingtau via Shanghai. By inadvertence, several of her contingent were left behind. They have been placed on board the Selamhorst, which is later going to Tsingtau by way of Manila.

From Macao, we learn that Dr. Mansilla has re-assumed his position of Colonial Secretary, but it is believed that the colony will soon again lose the services of this able official, as he has been put forward as the Government candidate to represent Macao at the Cortes. The general elections must soon take place, as the Cortes is to meet in April.

Ever since H. E. Tsang Chi's departure for the North, Major-General Fu has been acting as Tartar General of Canton, and now a rumour is current in official circles that Tsang Chi will be given the Viceroyship of the Three Eastern Provinces and that the acting Tartar General will be appointed to act permanently.

There arrived here by the s.s. Daiqi Maru this week from Formosa twelve large cases of gipsy ornaments—mostly figures and josses—designed for the International Hygiene Exhibition to be held at Dresden this year. The curios will be despatched to Germany by the s.s. Miyasaki Maru sailing on the 15th. The collection of exhibits is being sent by the Imperial Japanese Commission of which Viscount K. Mushakaji is in charge.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Hon'ble the Director of Public Works and Private Secretary, visited the village of Shaukiwan yesterday and inspected the mudlarks in the vicinity and also the Police Station. The improvements in the villages of Tai Hang and projected works in the Wongchickong Valley and other public works were also inspected. By the courtesy of Mr. Percy Smith, managing director, the party visited the new hair factory in Shaukiwan Road and the various processes were described by the manager, to whom the Governor expressed his cordial thanks and interest.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the Hongkong College of Medicine Calendar for 1911. Spring Session opens on 1st March and closes on 30th June. Professional examinations begin on 1st July and preliminary examinations on 24th July. The Autumn Session opens on 1st September and closes on 30th December. During the present year the scholarships open to competition are one Blake Scholarship of \$150 a year (tenable for one year), one Bellis Scholarship of \$100 a year (tenable for three years), and one Government Scholarship of \$40 a year (tenable for three years).

The German Mail of the 11th Jan. has been delivered in London.

The German gunboat Tiger arrived on Sunday evening from Canton.

The Portuguese gunboat Patria, Commander Minheiro, left for Macao on Sunday.

The members of the Lusitano Club have arranged to hold a fancy dress ball on the 18th inst.

By the Korea, Mr. J. Oran Shepard (of the Pacific Mail) returns to Hongkong after six months' absence.

Capt. Thomas and Gentles, it is stated, of the Apsar vessels, have vacated their positions as "skippers."

Blank & Fife, 1 Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., left the command for England, per s.s. Nubia, on 8th February, for discharge.

The men of H.M.S. Waterwitch will give a variety entertainment at the R.G.A. Theatre on the 15th inst.

The Portuguese cruiser, Itapubica, Commander Cimbalino, is undergoing repairs in Kowloon, and is expected to leave for Macao by the end of the week.

Mr. C. G. Bartlett, manager of the Honolulu Brewery and Matting Co., secretary of the Oriental Brewery, Hongkong, arrived here by the Mongolia.

Mrs. Oscar F. Long, wife of Brigadier-General Long (retired), of San Francisco, arrived in Hongkong by the Mongolia. She is touring the Orient.

The fifty-third anniversary of the apparition at the grotto in Lourdes, will be celebrated in the Catholic Cathedral on the 11th inst., with a solemn high mass, at 7.30 a.m.

We are notified that Tuesday, the 14th day of February, being a "Race day," the next meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held at 3.45 p.m. on Monday, the 13th February.

The death is announced of Mr. Pragnoo Conner Dutt, a man, well-known in Masonic circles. He was a produce broker in Calcutta, but was better known as the first Hindu Freemason.

Leave of absence, on private affairs, to the United Kingdom, has been granted to 2nd-Lieut. E. de W. H. Bradley, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. Station leave has been granted to Captain F. A. Twiss, R.G.A.; Lieut. N. J. Williams, A.S.C.

Mr. M. Shirashi, director and general manager of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, arrived this morning from Shanghai on the s.s. America-maru. Mr. Shirashi is staying at the Hongkong Hotel, and intends to be here for several weeks.

The Chinese A.D.C. played to a crowded house on Wednesday evening at the Tai Ping Theatre. The performance is to be repeated on Thursday evening. The proceeds will augment the funds in aid of the Kung Lap and Kwong Wa Hospitals of Yumati, both of which are suffering from lack of support.

His Excellency Sir Frederic Lugard, K.C.M.G., paid a visit on Thursday to Messrs. K. Mandell and Co.'s hair factory at Shaukiwan. Mr. Mandell received His Excellency at the factory and showed him round. Many tourists have visited this factory lately. Vice-Governor Gilbert of the Philippines was a recent visitor.

Mrs. Taylor, wife of Major Taylor, A.S.C. residing in Towor House, Kennedy Road, was taking a walk along Bowen Road yesterday, about 4 p.m., and when nearing the filter beds a coolie came up, snatched her handbag, and ran. This was witnessed by some chair coolies, who immediately gave chase. The thief dropped the bag and disappeared. Sergeant Barclay was on duty in the neighbourhood at the time and immediately came on the scene and picked up the bag, but found no trace of the thief.

The City Hall library will be closed to-night, and not re-opened until 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. Webster, the advertising manager of the "Manila Times," arrives here by the Minnesota.

On board the Silesia a very fine lion and lioness are being taken to Kobe. They are from Hamburg.

Chevalier Brambilla, Secretary of the Italian Legation at Peking, is registered at the Hongkong Hotel.

The s.s. Haitan is in the Cosmopolitan Dock, for her annual overhaul. She will be out this week end.

Dr. E. A. Voretzsch, the German Consul-General, left for Canton last evening and expects to stay there for several days.

Dr. von Stuebel, formerly Consul-General for Germany in Shanghai, has just returned from home and is staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

A Chinese woman, aged 26, by the name of Chan Fung Ling, committed suicide in No. 23, Gold Street, by hanging. She had been sick for some time.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks the following donation to the funds of the hospitals:—Standard Oil Co., \$50.

Owing to the high cost of living in Colombo, the directors of the well-known firm of Messrs. Walker, Sons and Co. have sanctioned a general increase of salary all round to their staff.

Colonel Hicks, the proprietor and editor of an influential paper in America, was one of the passengers arriving here by the Mongolia. He is making his first trip to the Orient.

On Tuesday next, at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Miss Dorothy Lambert (second daughter of Mr. J. H. Lambert, R.N.I., R.D., Lloyd's surveyor), will be married to Mr. Alex. Squair, of the Kowloon Dock.

A large seizure of arms and ammunition has been made at Heungshan from the steam launch Tak Woo Lei. The contraband was in baskets, and in addition to the rifles consisted of 100 rounds of ammunition, 25 cassettes of explosives, and 154 detonators.

The management of the Belle View Hotel are making preparations for their second masquerade carnival which will take place on the 16th inst. on the large open air rink. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed lady, and the most comic gentleman. Mr. Gallagher, the manager of the hotel, has had the open air rink re-fitted and improved. The proprietor will most probably hold a masquerade carnival every month.

The first two billiard matches between the Volunteers and the 83rd Co. R.G.A. in connection with the Soldiers' Club Tournament took place last night at the Soldiers' Club. Both games resulted in a win for the Hongkong Volunteer Corps as follows: Private Bishop 250 and Gunner Thomas 210. Private Phillips 250 and Gunner Witherall 148. The highest break of the evening was compiled by Phillips—31. Two other games will be played on Thursday night.

Mr. Geo. W. Tewksbury, of New York, left Hongkong yesterday for the Philippines. He is largely interested in the Major group of mining claims in Baguio, the moving spirit in which is Major Howland, his nephew. They are now erecting a six stamp mill on the mine, and hope to have it in operation soon. Mr. Tewksbury is a very practical man, having made a fortune as a merchant in Chicago. He retired from active business some 10 years ago, but through the influence of his nephew he was induced to take an interest in the Major group of mines, with the result that he is going to take up his residence for the time being in Baguio, so as to be in close touch with the development work.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

LADY LUGARD AT HOME.

10th inst.

Another concert took place at Government House last evening, this one being purely amateur in character but exceedingly good in quality, and reflecting the highest praise on all who took part in it. Thanks to the kindness of Lady Lugard a large audience was gathered to enjoy the music.

The evening was almost entirely devoted to Beethoven, the first half of the programme being an arrangement for 2 pianos, strings, flute, and trumpet of Symphony No. 5. Arrangements are not always desirable but they enable us to form some idea of works which would have lower hearings if they could only be performed by the large orchestras for which they are written. However, the arrangement last night was quite satisfactory. At the pianos were Mrs. Barrington, Monsieur Liebert and Miss Harker, Mrs. Tibbs played the drums, Major Hunter the flute, Mr. Tuxford the viola, while the violinists were Mrs. Von Wiser, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Lindsey and Mr. Timmerscheidt, and Mr. George, Lammet conducted. The absence of the cello made the lack of the bass line rather felt in places, while the time was not always strictly kept, but these were minor defects and on the whole the Symphony was well played. Each individual player was very good although more practice would have given added polish.

The second half of the programme opened with two songs by Mr. Frank Grove, "In Questa Tomba," and "Nature's Adoration," excellently rendered in a fine bass voice. Following came part of a Beethoven Sonata, Mrs. Grove, whose excellence as a pianist is well known amongst us, taking the piano and Mr. Timmerscheidt the violin. The Sonata was well played, the violin getting a full and round tone. Then followed the gem of the evening, a song from "Samson and Delilah"—"Mon Coeur s'enivre a ta Voix"—sung by Miss Oliver, a lady possessed of a rich and cultured contralto voice, which she used with taste and feeling, playing her own most difficult accompaniment with the greatest ease. In response to enthusiastic applause an encore was given. We much regret that Miss Oliver is not remaining among us, but are grateful for having had the pleasure of hearing her once.

Mr. Timmerscheidt next gave a violin solo, the prize-song from "Meistersinger," which he played in fine style; it was much appreciated. Mr. Danenberg accompanied on the piano. To conclude the programme came two partsongs, "Holy Night," and "Spring Time," well sung by a chorus of about 30 voices conducted by Mr. Lammet.

The hearty thanks of all present were due to Lady Lugard, who was not only the kind hostess of the evening, but the organizer and sympathetic supporter of the whole concert; to Mr. Lammet, whose efforts at the practice have been untiring; to Mrs. Tibbs, who has helped most energetically in many capacities; and finally to the performers themselves, who gave of their best for the entertainment of their fellow-colonists.

The programme was as follows:—Part I. Symphony No. 5—Beethoven. Mrs. Barrington, piano, Mons. Liebert, piano, Miss Harker, piano, Mrs. Tibbs, drums, Major Hunter, flute, Mr. Tuxford, viola, Mrs. Von Wiser, violin, Mrs. Edwards, violin, Mrs. Lindsey, violin, Mr. Barlow, violin, Mr. Grove, cello. Conducted by Mr. G. P. Lammet.

Part II. Songs:—(a) In Questa Tomba, Beethoven. (b) Nature's Adoration, Beethoven. Mr. Frank Grove. Sonata No. 5, Op. 24, F. Major, 1st Movement Beethoven. Piano—Mrs. Grove. Violin—Mr. Timmerscheidt. Song, "Mon Coeur s'enivre a ta Voix," Saint Saens. Miss Oliver. Violin Solo, Prize Song from "Meistersinger" Wagner-Wilhelm. Mr. Timmerscheidt. Part Song:—(a) "Holy Night" Beethoven. (b) "Spring Time" Beethoven.

This evening at five o'clock, Lady Lugard is at home at Government House. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the band of the German cruiser.

SCHNABHORST. Appended is the programme:—

Sinfonia H. moll (the Unfinished One), Schubert; (a) Allegro moderato, (b) And auto con moto. (a) Mennett, (b) Bocherini; (b) Sehnsucht der Selmerin, Ole Bull. Siegmund, Love-song from Oper Walker, Wagner. Invention, Merry Wives of Windsor, Nicolai.

GOOD CONDUCT OF A COXSAIN.

This morning, before Commander Beckwith, R.N., Loung Kam Yung, master of the steam launch, Che Loy, Cheung Tai, master of the launch Cam Kai, Chan Hung Tuk, master of the launch Hoi Hoi, and Lay Chai, master of one launch Hoi Kong were charged with carrying a number of passengers in excess of the number allowed by their licenses, viz., 54, 100, 50 and 77 respectively.

All four pleaded guilty and the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50—or 3 months' hard labour in the first three cases.

In reference to the last case the Magistrate said:—Taking into consideration the special good conduct of the coxswain, Lay Chai, in saving life on this day from his launch at Sai Cheung, I order the nominal fine of \$25—or two months' hard labour.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

At Happy Valley this morning the funeral took place of the remains of the late Mr. T. Woxen, Imperial Maritime Customs, who was drowned at Kowloon on 29th ult. while yachting. The dead body of Mr. Woxen was found a few days ago some distance up the river, where it had been carried by the tide. He was only 30 years of age. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. C. E. Thompson. There was a large number of mourners present, including Mr. A. H. Harris, Commissioner of Customs, and Mr. W. G. Hewitt, tide surveyor.

THE "EMPIRE" THEATRE.

To-night and a few following nights, patrons of the "Empire" Cinematograph Theatre have a treat in store for them in the shape of the large new film portraying the powerful story of love and tragedy having for its central figure Messalina, the wife of the Roman Emperor Claudius. The film has the reputation of being one of the best of Pathé's coloured productions. It has been specially prepared for performances by the Comedie Francaise, Paris. There will be matinees to-morrow and Sunday.

ALLEGED FORGED NOTE.

In the Summary Court this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Hazeland, a Sikh sued a native named Lai Hong for \$330, being money due on a promissory note.

Mr. Harris appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Dixon for the defendant.

The plaintiff, on being questioned as to the genuineness of the note, said he had once lost it and on representing the matter to the defendant a fresh note was made out to him.

For the defence it was alleged that defendant had only signed the note as a witness, that he had not noticed at the time the words "We jointly and severally promise to pay," and that he had not received any money at all from the plaintiff.

His Honour was satisfied that there was no question of the defendant having read the note before signing it.

Judgment for the plaintiff.

GERMAN TRANSPORT ARRIVES.

9th inst.

The N.G.L. s.s. Necker arrived last evening from Colombo, on her way to Tsingtau, calling at Shanghai. The Necker is chartered by the German Government to transfer the troops between Bremerhaven and Tsingtau. On this voyage she carries 1,200 men consisting of naval men and field-artillery, officers and their families, to relieve the troops stationed at Tsingtau. The men are in charge of Capt. Harv.

The Necker will return with a second journey. The captain reports favourable weather during the whole journey. No accidents occurred on board.

SUPREME COURT.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

In the above Court, this morning, Mr. Justice Hazeland was occupied in hearing applications from Counsel for the postponement of cases on the hearing list, on diverse grounds. Only two or three trivial cases were taken, the only one of any interest being that of Chan Singh v. E. B. Shepherd. The claim was for \$300, due on a promissory note. Defendant did not appear and after service of summons had been proved, plaintiff, on being put in the box, swore that only \$350 was due.

His Honour asked whether \$40 had been paid on account, but the plaintiff denied this.

His Honour asked how he came to claim \$300, and Mr. Gardiner, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that his client was unable to read and counsel did not know himself if \$40 had been paid on account.

His Honour thereupon entered judgment for \$350 with costs.

VOLUNTEER DANCE.

The Hongkong Volunteers hold their annual dance this evening in the City Hall.

A most enjoyable function is assured. The band of the K.O.Y.L.I. will provide the music, the floors are excellent, the decorations are effective, and the supper arrangements are in the hands of a most capable committee. Everything has been done to ensure a pleasant evening for the numerous guests who have been invited.

The scheme of decoration is green and yellow, garlands being twisted up the pillars of the vestibule, and laid along the grand staircase. In the rooms numerous flags are hung, and also portraits of the various Officers Commanding the corps. The necessary touch of militarism is given by the bayonets on the walls.

There are twenty-one items on the programme, so that dancing may be expected to continue to a late hour.

BIG COCAINE SEIZURE.

MAN HEAVILY PUNISHED.

So Po was charged at the Magistrate's this morning, before Mr. E. R. Hallifax, with unlawfully importing into the Colony 500 ounces of cocaine, and with not having a licence.

Mr. Trutman, superintendent of the Export and Import Department, prosecuted.

Defendant was unrepresented. A Chinese Revenue Officer stated that he went on board the s.s. Sui An yesterday at 5.45 p.m., and saw the defendant standing a little way from the bags. He asked him if they belonged to him, and the reply was "Yes." Witness then blew his whistle three times. The defendant told him not to arrest him, and offered witness some money to buy tea. Later the European Officer came up and arrested the defendant.

Revenue Officer Wildon was next called, and said that about 5.45 p.m. he was on the wharf at the time of the arrival of the s.s. Sui An from Macao. He sent the last witness on board. Later he followed, and saw the defendant and the Chinese Revenue Officer standing near four bags. He went up and asked the defendant whether the bags contained opium or morphine. The reply was "I don't know," and when witness asked him if the bags were his, the reply was "Yes."

His Worship—Defendant has not a licence?

Mr. Trutman—No.

His Worship to defendant—What have you to say?

Defendant—The goods are not mine. They were given to me by a friend in Macao to bring into Hongkong. I did not know the contents of the bags. My friend told me they contained sundry goods.

His Worship—Have you any witnesses?

Defendant—No.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$2000, or in default twelve months' imprisonment. The cocaine is to be confiscated.

Station leave, on private affairs, has been granted to Major F. J. Hunter, A.O.D., I.O.M., from 21st February to 6th March 1911, inclusive.

SUPREME COURT.
IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

9th inst.
The motion for judgment in the action in which the T. On Marine and Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and H. Fung Shing to recover \$6,426.50, being as to \$5,000 due for money lent and as to \$1,426.50 interest thereon, was again before the Court yesterday.

Mr. M. W. Shide, K.C., instructed by Mr. D. V. Stevenson (of Messrs. Deacon, Jackson & Deacon), represented the plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Needham, who moved for judgment.

In concluding his arguments Mr. Potter submitted that it was quite clear that if the lower Court did not believe his client's story there would have been judgment for the other side, and no point of law would have arisen. If the plaintiff had not proved what he had set out to do, there would have been nothing for the defendant to answer. The onus was on the plaintiff to prove that defendant was a partner. The defendant admitted that he was the executor, but not a partner. The fact that he had carried on the firm did not show that he had held himself out as a partner. If he had carried on the business he was liable personally to the whole world, not because he was the executor, but because he had carried on the firm. He was personally liable and would not be entitled to be indemnified unless the will expressly directed him to carry on the firm. With regard to the allegation that the executorship was only assumed to carry on the business, the fact remained that the defendant as executor carried on the firm for four years. He might have more knowledge of the English law than he was given credit for. The whole point was whether he was the executor. If he was the executor he was not a partner. He would have been made liable if he had held out. The finding must be explicit that the man had held out. Counsel here quoted the *Holme v. Lamound* case, in which the executor was not held liable as a partner, though he had left the assets of the deceased in the firm, but took no part in the business.

Mr. Potter further contended that his client was not liable because he was the executor. He would have been held personally liable if there had been no direct provision in the will indemnifying him; he was not entitled to be indemnified. If there was a provision in the will to carry on the business, then he was not liable as executor, but might be personally liable. If the family of the deceased only had interest, there was no partnership in any shape or form. There was no partner by the English law, unless they had agreed to it. The mere fact of inheriting the business did not make the man a partner. If their Lordships were really in favour of the plaintiff they could not assist the defendant. This was a very serious case to his client. If he lost the case he would be held responsible for all the liabilities of the firm, amounting to about \$40,000. The only evidence before the Court was that he had signed what Counsel would call a receipt, but the Court held that it was something between a promissory note and a bill of exchange. The manager of a large firm in Hongkong had sworn that his client was not a partner.

After further argument of a most protracted nature,

His Lordship said that the evidence given by plaintiff was incomplete and he could not have given less evidence. If he had he would have been non-suited. But his case was strengthened by the evidence given by the defendant. Mr. Potter had urged every fact that he could for his client, but the facts of the case must be threshed out, and the defendant take the consequences.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, inform us that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 21st January amounted to 24,275.53 tons, and the sales during the period, to 33,210.46 tons.

A BILLS OF EXCHANGE CASE.

9th inst.
In the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice the case of an aged Chinese woman, named Lo Leung Yan, against Tung Hing Oil dealer, came on again for hearing.

The plaintiff sued in forma pauperis, and was represented by Mr. G. C. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. R. C. Barlow), and Mr. M. W. Shide (instructed by Mr. C. E. F. Norris) defended.

The claim was for \$3,550, being money collected on her behalf from two foreign banks by the defendant for the use of the plaintiff on 3rd August, 1906, and never accounted for to the plaintiff.

After considerable evidence had been taken, the case was again adjourned to another day.

WORLD'S NEWS.

TERRITORIAL LIMIT.
AT SEA.

London, Feb. 1.—A St. Petersburg telegram states that in reply to the Russian proposal to extend the territorial limit to 12 miles from the sea coast, Germany and other nations have communicated their views. Germany made a special proposal to Russia in connection with the rights of a belligerent, and Japan entered a protest against any retrenchment of the existing international understanding as far at least as fishing rights are concerned.—*Osaka Asahi.*

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR
AT WINDSOR.

London, Jan. 31.—Ambassador and Mrs. Kato spent the weekend at Windsor Castle as guests of the King. Amongst the guests were Viscount Morley, Lord Lansdowne and Lord Curzon.—*"Jiji Shimpu."*

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

London, Jan. 31.—Parliament is to meet on the 1st February. This week will be spent in the swearing in of members and the election of the speaker in preparation for the opening ceremony, to be conducted by the King on the 6th proximo.—*"Jiji Shimpu."*

POCKET CUTTING IN A
TRAMCAR.

Ko Kam, steward of the s.s. *Loong Mun*, was travelling in a tramcar yesterday at about 4.30 p.m. from Hill Road to Central Market. On the journey some one cut the inside pocket of his coat, and stole a purse containing \$34 and two receipts. The robbery was a clever one, and was not noticed by the steward until after leaving the car.

TOMORROW'S MILITARY
MANOEUVRES.

To-morrow a tactical operation will take place. Lieut-Colonel H. C. B. Dunn, 105th M.L.I., will command the Red Force. Lieut-Colonel J. M. Camilleri, 13th Rajputs, will command the Blue Force.

The following officers will form the Empire Staff:—Director of Manoeuvres—Major-General C. A. Anderson, C.B., Red Force. Chief Empire—Major H. L. Kirke, R.G.A. Empire Major St. G. R. S. Camilleri, R.E. Captain W. M. Stewart, D.A.A. & Q.M.G. Captain D. Clapham, R.G.A. Captain P. L. Spicer, R.G.A. Captain R. D. Crawford, R.G.A. Captain F. J. G. Agg, 1st K.O.Y.L.I. Lieut J. Way, R.G.A. Lieut G. K. Sullivan, 1st K.O.Y.L.I. Blue Force Chief Empire—Major W. M. Withycombe, K.O.Y.L.I. Empire Major L. B. Dykes, R.G.A. Captain G. B. Mackenzie, R.G.A. Captain W. Loring, R.G.A. Captain C. A. Chaytor, 1st K.O.Y.L.I. Lieut P. S. Wiltshire, R.G.A. Lieut A. P. W. Wodda, R.E. Lieut M. E. Day, 1st K.O.Y.L.I.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A shroff of No. 8, Western Street, reported to the Police yesterday that he was held up by three Chinese, armed with daggers, in Austin Road, Kowloon, near Gun Club Hill Barracks, and robbed of \$65 from his pockets.

This occurred while he was returning after collecting money. No arrests had been made up to the time of going to press.

TRAINING NOTES.

CORONATION ROSE FOR
THE DERBY.

Happy Valley, Feb. 9.

Both Willow Tree and Auchendoon are absolutely eclipsed in public opinion after the gallop by Coronation Rose this morning. Until a week ago Mr. Buxey's representative was hardly thought of as being capable of putting up a struggle against Mr. Marshall's best for the Derby; but his owner, Sir Hormusjee Mody, who has been down to the Course regularly every morning, never failed in his trust in his game pony who to-day amply justified his owner's anticipations. Coronation Rose's gallop was a magnificent one and was worth going down to see. Mr. Burkill held the reins and called upon his mount to negotiate a mile and a quarter. Coronation's stride was even and easy and he covered the distance in the excellent time of 2.52, last quarter under 29. There can be no doubt that, after so grand an exhibition, Coronation Rose has created quite a furore and, in spite of all that might happen, he must be considered the favourite for the Derby. It is true that the distance for the race is a quarter mile farther; but the pony is game enough to cover that distance without expending any greater effort.

After the rest yesterday, there were not many gallops this morning, but for the remaining days of the week we may expect to see the ponies trained for the final attempts next week.

Perle d'Or Rose went out in company with two others. He galloped 1.1-2 miles but failed to realise expectations. His form is not such as to secure him even a place in the classic event; he registered 3.30 for the whole distance; last quarter 33, finishing very tired.

Aurora Rose went 1.1-4 miles in 2.54, last quarter 30.3-5.

A good subscription griffin gallop stands to the credit of Trevenna, whose 1 mile in 2.10-4.5, last quarter 31.4-5 raises him to the category of a useful sub; but so far the best gallop among the subs. is claimed by Auchendoon; his 1 mile in 2.14-2.5 last quarter 32 is distinctly good.

Bantam cantered 1 mile in about 2.17; but Mr. Vida was evidently not out for time, and let the pony loy for long.

Alacrité (J. J.), 3-4 mile, 1.44, last quarter 32.2-5.

Otter (Boy), 3-4 mile, 1.40, last quarter 30.

Tarf (G. W. G.), 1.1-4 miles, 3.56; last quarter 34. This is evidently not a long distance pony.

Wirral (Boy) partnered Shell-out (Master) in a mile gallop. Time 2.18, last quarter 34, Shell-out winning in a canter.

Greyback (A. A.) and Perhaps (G. W. G.) galloped in company one mile. Time 2.18, last quarter 32. Greyback won easily.

O. B., 5 furlongs, last 1-2 1.05, last quarter 32.

Auchendoon only trotted today. The Trees also as well as Mr. Dargor's Jungs were restricted to easy going.

Little Gem Rose (Boy) and Royal Rose (Burkill) galloped some distance, but I missed their times.

RIDING BOY.

DR. OSCAR STUEBEL.

Dr. Stuebel, who twelve years ago acted as Germany's representative in Shanghai, has returned to the East, not to obey the proverbial call, but simply on pleasure bent, to renew the acquaintance of old friends, and also to see the changes which the East had undergone and which he admits have simply astonished him.

He spent ten weeks in Malaya, and was much interested in the rubber plantations.

Dr. Stuebel will leave for Shanghai in a few days, where he doubtless his numerous old friends will accord him a royal reception. Dr. Stuebel has no more connection with politics, as he has retired from the German Diplomatic Service. The gonial ex-Consul General travels with his sister, and expects to spend the summer in Japan before returning home.

UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

To be Rowed on April 1st.

It has been decided to row the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race this year on Saturday, April 1. It will be high water at Putney Bridge at ten minutes to four on that afternoon, so that the race can be started about half-past two—a most convenient time for the Saturday afternoon holiday-makers.

SOME LIKELY COMPETITORS.

Practice for this year's University Boat-race will open on Isis and Cam alike within the next few days, says the "Pall Mall Gazette." In the case of Oxford this early start is well-nigh imperative, as only two Blues, President R. O. Bourne and A. S. Garton, will, it is feared, be able to assist again. D. Mackinnon, E. Majolier, M. B. Higgins, P. Fleming, and R. H. Owen have either gone down or find it inconvenient to row. A. W. Donkin (the 1907-10 coxswain) has also finished his Varsity career.

This means five vacancies at least, and, incidentally, the building-up of a new representative eight. Happily, the trial eight rowing was rather above the average before Christmas, while several other notable recruits are at the president's disposal. His chief difficulties will be to unearth a fitting successor to Fleehing at No. 7, and satisfactorily "place" the new men—an Herculean task under more favourable circumstances. He himself will again set the work.

Several Old Etonians are likely to get trial from the first, viz.: L. G. Wornald and R. E. Burgess (Magdalen), F. E. Buller (Trinity), C. E. Timmo (University), and Sir W. A. Parker and A. W. Wiggins (New College). All but the last-named rowed well at Moulford this year. Wiggins goes up to New College this term with a splendid school reputation, and is likely to get his Blue at the first time of asking.

Others well in the running for places include E. Millington-Drake (another Old Etonian and "Trials" man), G. W. Lambert (an Old Cheltonian, who rowed at Moulford in 1909-10), E. K. Barber (a Kettle man, hailing from King's School, Canterbury), and W. S. Cushing (Yale University, U.S.A., and Merton), if not C. W. B. Littlejohn (an Australian, now in residence at Exeter College). As coxswain, H. B. Wells (Winchester and Magdalen) looks like upholding the best O.U.B.C. traditions. His steering at Moulford was masterly.

President J. B. Rosher (Cambridge) is far better served in the matter of Old Blues. Besides himself, no fewer than five, that is: G. E. Fairbairn, F. E. Hellyer, R. W. M. Arbuthnot, R. Davies, and R. Le Blanc Smith, are available and will assist again if called upon. E. G. Williams, C. P. Cooke, and H. J. S. Shields have all gone down. It is doubtful, however, if all the Blues will find places this year.

Trial eight rowing at Ely before Christmas were well above the average, and certain recruits must needs be given their chance, at least. The president's biggest task will be to find a stroke who will set the work satisfactorily.

Arbuthnot or Fairbairn will probably be selected, the former for choice. Fairbairn's rowing is leavened somewhat with the style called after his name, and, as last year, the Cantabs will stick rigidly to the orthodox, or Eton style.

Wisely enough, an attempt will be made to settle the make-up just as soon as possible in order to get a much longer spell of combined work than usual. To that end, not more than half a dozen recruits will be tried, it is understood. These include P. G. Van der Byl (South Africa and Pembroke), H. M. Hoyland and W. J. Davy (Old Wellingtonians), S. E. Swann and C. M. Stuart (Trinity Hall), and C. F. Burnand (Downside and First Trinity).

All these did capital work in the Ely race, while Swann won the "Colquhoun" last term. Van der Byl can hardly miss his colours on latest form, and it is difficult to see how G. E. Taylor (the Eton Freshman) can be passed over without extended trial. His school record is a very fine one. Failing Skinner again, J. N. Garnett (Rugby and Pembroke) should get his chance with the line.

ENGLAND'S POSITION.

"FLIRTING" WITH RUSSIA.

Of course it is the business of the British nation to close its books at the end of the year, and draw the balance of profit and loss. Outsiders, especially when they happen to be foreign diplomats, can only guess how large that profit or loss was. From the international point of view the general impression in diplomatic circles is that your national accounts have been closed with a palpable loss. Probably to most English Radicals the home "victory" of the Radical democracy is quite a sufficient compensation for the loss of prestige abroad.

There is no doubt that England has sustained a certain loss of prestige. That has been felt in Paris, St. Petersburg, Constantinople, Teheran, India, and Egypt. But proud and powerful England could bear it easily, even if it had been more serious than it was. There is, however, a more serious consideration which might justly alarm the friends of England.

IS BRITAIN AS POWERFUL?

England may be proud to-day as ever, but is it to-day as powerful as it was only a year ago? Whenever of late I put such a question to diplomats well known for their sympathy with, and attachment to, England, their answer was a sorrowful shaking of head.

I will not say how much that weakening of the international position of England is due to the internal constitutional crisis, which her foreign friends watch with anxiety, and wish it to be ended as soon as possible in a manner worthy of a practical and great nation. But that crisis could not be made entirely and exclusively responsible for the present weakness of England's influence in the international sphere.

The true cause lies in the fact that the ambiguity of the "Entente Cordiale" has been felt by everybody more distinctly. King Edward (of blessed memory indeed!) and this Unionist Ministers had the great courage to break with the old policy of "splendid isolation," and cordially offered to France the sincere friendship of the British nation. Nor was his pluck less manifest when, backed by Liberal statesmen, he threw overboard the mighty bale of ancient prejudices against Russia, and secured a very real rapprochement with the Tsar's Empire.

WHAT IS AN ENTENTE?

But was this first step to be also the last? Was an "Entente Cordiale" all that British statesmen aimed at? What is "Entente Cordiale"? Have not influential Radical politicians called it a "sentiment"? Could "sentiment" ever serve as a basis for what the Germans call a "Realpolitik," a practical and logical policy? Can you be astonished that the French, in sight of the growing power of the Triple Alliance, should find the "Entente Cordiale" not an absolutely sufficient guarantee? Could you blame Tsar Nicholas for his attempt to get in Potsdam a re-insurance of Russian interests?

STOPPING HALF WAY.

The fact is England made a new departure, but stopped half way. As with all half-measures, such a policy could not bear proper and satisfactory fruit. The child of the "Entente Cordiale" could be only a "double entente." It is a creature without backbone. At this very moment Russia has a more precise and solid arrangement with Germany, than she has with England. "Ententes," "Rapprochements" do not suffice in the present circumstances. England cannot stop any longer on the half-way line. She must either turn back to her "splendid isolation," which would be no more dangerous than ever, or—

It looks sometimes dangerously like flirtation. Not once, but several times, I have heard that fair Russia would have a good case to start a breach-of-promise action against John Bull. England must move to the natural consequences of King Edward's first step, and conclude formal defensive alliances with France and Russia.

THE EVE OF GREAT THINGS.

Such alliances would clear the European situation, make it far healthier and safer than it is to-day, and would secure a durable peace in Europe. The

Entente Cordiale must either die of its own platonic inanity, or blossom into the formal alliance.

There is a vague and inexplicable feeling among diplomats that we are on the eve of a great political revelation, which may first startle the world, but would speedily reassure it and satisfy it. British statesmen have now to choose between these two alternatives: either a formal defensive alliance with France and Russia or a friendly and practical understanding with Germany. The international position of England is in these days far more critical than her internal Constitutional crisis. Foreign Diplomats in "Pall Mall Gazette."

GOVERNMENT
HOUSE.

On Monday evening last, Lady Lugard was "At Home" and provided for a large number of guests a most delightful musical programme. The orchestra of the German cruiser, Scharnhorst, which has already made an enviable reputation in the Colony, rendered some high-class works, and acquitted themselves admirably. Each member of the orchestra is a soloist, and the excellence of the individual technique largely compensates for the small numbers.

After an opening march, Schubert's Overture to Rosamund was rendered with great taste and finish, this work being especially adapted for a small orchestra. Two of Brahms's Hungarian Dances (Nos. 5 and 6) followed, and were well played, though the interpretation given might not appeal to all musical tastes. The next item was a violin solo by Dradul, which was performed with brilliant execution and great delicacy by the leader of the orchestra, the effect being heightened by the orchestral accompaniment. Following this came the overture to Tannhauser, which was well performed and greatly appreciated; although this work makes severe demands on a much larger band than Herr Richter has at his command. The last item was the ever popular "Poor Gypsy" suite, which was played in fine style. In our opinion the soft passages in "Morning" might have been a little more delicate, which would have heightened the general effect. The effect of the muted strings in *Ases Tod*, was very fine.

The last number of the suite, the "Dance of the Gnomes," was very realistically performed, though perhaps the tempo was a little more exaggerated than one is accustomed to hear.

This brought to a conclusion a most excellent concert, and all who had the privilege of being present thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

With this foretaste of the possibilities for giving unalloyed pleasure to their hearers, Lady Lugard's visitors at Government House to-morrow, will not be disappointed in expecting a musical treat.

MACAO NOTES.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Macao, Feb. 9.
Macao papers to hand furnish good instance of the office of circumlocution depicted by Dickens in one of his famous novels.

The Director of the Public Works Department issued a new regulation forbidding householders from whitewashing their houses in white and yellow—the republican colours. The president of the Municipal Council made representation to the Governor against the new rule, which is generally considered as arbitrary and illegal.

The Governor replied that the policy of the government was to afford to heads of departments the greatest decentralisation and consequent responsibility in the exercise of their respective duties and that the Council should first address the Director of Public Works in the matter.

The Director in question was next approached, and he rather naively replied that the new regulation complained of was inspired by the Governor himself!

There was a solemn High Mass at the Roman Catholic Cathedral this morning, and the beautiful building was crowded. The occasion was the 53rd anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception at Lourdes in 1858. At Lourdes itself, the day is one long series of religious exercises, many of them most striking in character.

SCHARNHORST CONCERT.

9th inst.

On Saturday next another concert will be given at the Theatre Royal by this well known orchestra. The conductor, Mr. Richter, has selected a very light programme. We have been asked to draw special attention to the fact that the tickets are sold thus:—Dress circle \$3, stalls (all) \$2, pit \$1. The programme is as follows:—

March, "A Message from Mars," Holzmann. Overture, "If I were a King," Adam. Cello solo, "Serene" (Abendstundchen)—Hortel (by Herr Schmidt).

Waltz, "Gold and Silver"—Lohar.

Selection, "The Girl in the Train." (The Divorced Wife) Fall.

Overture, "Poet and Peasant," Suppe.

Trumpet solo, "Greeting to Sorrento" Waldmann (Herr Steinbeck).

Fantasia, "Tales of Hoffmann," Offenbach.

Waltz, "Love in Spring," Blon.

Polka, "Heavenly Heights," Petras.

GRAND HOTEL COMPETITION.

The Grand Hotel billiard handicap continues to excite much local interest.

The third round opened last night, the second concluding with excellent games between Mr. Raiton (owing 160) and Mr. S. Bell (owing 85), and Messrs. McLennan and Irving in the same position.

Mr. Raiton was somewhat off his game, but his opponent played very consistently, his best breaks being 20, 18, 17, 15, 14 and 13. The latter eventually won by 134 (250-110).

The game between Mr. McLennan and Mr. Irving was the best yet seen. Both players started carefully, but Mr. McLennan soon enlisted things with a break of 18. This was almost immediately followed by a break of 11 from Irving. Level scoring followed until towards the end, when Mr. McLennan steadily drew ahead, eventually winning by 38.

The best breaks of Mr. McLennan were 25 (twice), 23 (twice), 19, 18 and 16, and of Irving's, 16, 16 and 15 (twice).

LONG SERVICE.

PRESENTATION BY
GERMAN FIRM.

A function of infrequent occurrence but none the less of a very pleasing character was held at the office of a leading German firm in Hongkong yesterday not a thousand miles from the Hongkong Club building. It was the occasion of the silver jubilee of the senior Portuguese clerk who completed his twenty-five years' service. The principal of the firm called all the staff—home and foreign—together in his private office and in the course of a short speech delivered a laudatory address on the faithfulness and diligence of the Portuguese member of his firm's staff, concluding by handing the employee a cheque for a substantial sum of money. To-day in the same office there was a cake and wine banquet, when prosperity to the firm was toasted amidst cheers. Later the staff adjourned to luncheon at the manager's residence at the Peak. The esprit de corps animating employers and employees in this firm cannot fail to redound to the benefit of this prosperous German house.

POLICE COURT.

Two Chinese were charged with having a quantity of opium in their possession, on the first floor of No. 95, Wing Lok Street.

Defendants had nothing to say, and his Worship imposed a fine of \$503.40 or three months on the first defendant, and \$27.50 or one month on the second defendant.

A coolie appeared to answer a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner in the godowns of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

Defendant pleaded guilty and his Worship ordered him to pay a fine of \$5.